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'Tremendous night for women's hockey' as team wins 2-0

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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Stores are going to be selling a lot of "Canadian Girls Kick Ass" T-shirts this weekend.

Canada's women's hockey team took home its third Olympic gold medal yesterday, beating the Americans 2 – 0 in front of an ecstatic home crowd.

So ends this chapter in what's become one of the biggest rivalries in the Olympics

The Canadians came into the game as the reigning back-to-back Olympic champions and the Americans the reigning back-to-back world champions.

But Canada's Marie Philip-Poulin scored two goals early in the first period and the Americans — try as they might — simply couldn't score on Shannon Szabados, who stopped all 28 shots and helped kill two nail-biting five-on-three penalties.

"It was an incredible battle game," said Canada's coach Melody Davidson. "The Americans have an incredible power play and it terrified us, no question."

"We worked hard for the first goal we got and we got a little lucky in the second goal, and sometimes that's what you need to win a game. It was a tremendous night for women's hockey," Davidson said.

Mark Johnson, the head coach of Team U.S.A., said his players are disappointed but can walk out of the arena with their "heads up high."

"I'm proud of my team," he said.

The predominantly Canadian crowd seemed to agree, shouting "U.S.A!" as the American team was presented with its medals.

Canada's 31-year-old team captain, veteran Hayley Wickenheiser, got the biggest cheer as her third and possibly last Olympic gold medal was placed around her neck.

Wayne Gretzky, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Gordon Campbell — who sat together — sang the anthem as the Canadian flag was raised over the rink, and Canada's men's hockey team cheered from their box seat.

That's one hockey gold down, one more to go.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Hayley Wickenheiser jumps into Shannon Szabados' arms at the end of the Olympic gold-medal game against Team U.S.A. Thursday night at Canada Hockey Place. Team Canada won 2-0.

Thrills set for Games' last days

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

FRIDAY Cheryl Bernard's rink goes against Sweden in the women's gold medal curling game at 3 p.m.

In the evening, Canada's men's hockey team takes on surprising Slovakia at 6:30 p.m., with the winner advancing to the gold medal game on Sunday.

Make sure the remote is nearby because at the same time Charles Hamelin will be looking for his first medal when he competes in the 500-metre short track. Hamelin is ranked first in the world at that distance and teammate François-Louis Tremblay is ranked second.

SATURDAY The ladies team pursuit finals in speedskating are at 12:50 p.m., men's slalom skiing is at 1:45 p.m. and the gold medal curling game is at 3 p.m. The Canadian rink is led by skip Kevin Martin.

SUNDAY The puck drops for the long-awaited men's gold-medal hockey game at 12:15 p.m. Keep the TV on because the closing ceremonies start just a little while later at 5:30 p.m.

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Torch relay GM vehicles – including Gretzky's – set for auction

OLYMPICS The truck that carried Wayne Gretzky and the torch to the Olympic cauldron after the opening ceremonies is going up for auction, GM announced.

The now-famous Silverado, along with several other General Motors vehicles used during the 45,000-kilometre domestic torch relay are all going to be auctioned off to GM dealers. They will then be sold to the public after being cleaned up.

Art Lewis, GM convoy manager for the relay, travelled with the torch across Canada. He said it will be tough to tell who sat in which car.

"Once we take off the plates, it's just one of the many, but chances are, if you see a white hybrid Yukon coming through, you've had a celebrity in that vehicle."

He added the best way to get your hands on one is to talk to a dealer. GREG DOWNS/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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Visit Whistler while you can: Blogger

ONLINE It's the final weekend of the Olympics and Metro-Blenz bloggers are offering up tips on what they think people should try before it's all over.

• Natalie Sisson blogs about her adventures in Whistler. She lists three reasons why people should try to make it to the other Olympic municipality.

1. There's no traffic. VANOC has done a fantastic job of scaring people off from driving to Whistler.

2. The holiday vibe. Whistler had a great atmosphere but was very chill and relaxed compared to the craziness of downtown Vancouver.

3. The weather was phenomenal: Sunshine, blue skies and seriously not a cloud in the sky. But more importantly there was next to no one on the mountain.

Sisson has posted a short video at metroblenz-newssquad.com.

• Another blogger to check out is Marc Smith. He argues the 4.5-hour wait for the Robson Square zip line is worth it.

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Blogs It's Called Football discusses current CBA negotiations and what Canada's newest pro team will offer the soccer community

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Walter Koenig and his wife, Judith, speak at a press conference in Stanley Park to discuss the discovery of their son Andrew Koenig's body on Thursday.

Actor's body found in park

Suicide suspected in Koenig death

The actor famous for playing a stoic Russian navigator in the original Star Trek struggled Thursday to keep his voice steady as he announced his son's body had been found in Stanley Park, dead from an apparent suicide.

Walter Koenig, who played Pavel Chekov in the 1960s cult hit, said he has received hundreds of emails since he and his wife held a news conference the day before to ask for help in finding their son, a man they said struggled with depression his whole life and who had been missing since Feb. 14.

Koenig implored those who are also suffering to reach out.

"If you're one of those people and you feel you can't handle it anymore, you know, if you can learn anything from this, it's that there's people out there who really care," Koenig said, his voice shaking, his face haggard.

Andrew Koenig

Andrew Koenig, 41, was best known for his role as Richard (Boner) Stabone in the 1980s sitcom Growing Pains.

His parents said Wednesday he had been off his medication when he vanished during a visit to Vancouver, a city he came to love after shooting a television episode here years ago.

He lived in Vancouver for three years and during that time had little contact with his parents.

Koenig was supposed to be back in Los Angeles on Feb. 16, but never showed up.

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Elderly couple killed in West Vancouver fire

SEAN KOLENKO
for Metro Vancouver

HOUSE BLAZE An elderly West Vancouver couple was found dead after a fire broke out in their Horseshoe Bay home early Thursday morning.

Shortly after 2 a.m., the West Vancouver fire department was called to a home on Overstone Drive near Gleneagles Golf Course. Upon arrival, firefighters pulled an 81-year-old woman from the blaze.

After emergency medical treatment was provided, the woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

Shortly after, the body of an 81-year-old man was found in the house.

According to Const. Jeff Palmer of the West Vancouver Police Department, the identities of the deceased will not be released.

"The family is asking us, under the Privacy Act, not to release any names and we are respecting that," he said.

Palmer was unable to comment on the cause of fire, saying only that fire crews were still on the scene and that it was too early to say if the cause is suspicious.

No other homes were damaged.

Photo of the Day **Post-win revelry**

JOHN SHERBOT/PROVINCE/PROVINCEHARVCOM

Canada fans celebrate at Robson and Granville streets after Team Canada beat Russia 7-3 on Wednesday. Until March 1, Metro will publish a Photo of the Day submitted by a Metro reader or member of the Metro-Blenz News Squad. Send your submissions to vancouverletters@metronews.ca.

Woman sells hockey tickets for almost $19K

GOLD GAME A Vancouver woman has sold three tickets to the men's gold-medal hockey game for $18,888.

"It was three hours at Canada Hockey Place or two weeks on the beach," said the reseller, who asked that her name not be published.

She decided to post her three $800 Class-A hockey tickets on VANOC's official resale website in late December.

"We tried to come up with an average of what other people were asking for three tickets," she said. Her dad eventually suggested asking for $18,888 for three seats together.

There were no takers until last Thursday. VANOC gets a 10 per cent cut.

"The worst that could have happened was us going to the game," the seller said. She will receive her money from VANOC after the Paralympics.

On Thursday, some tickets to the gold-medal game on VANOC's resale website were going for as much as $20,000 each.

STIG NIELSEN/
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News in brief

AGREEMENT Nearly 300 locked-out food-services workers at Vancouver International Airport have reached a tentative agreement with their employer. The 283 workers were locked out by HMSHost after they staged a one-day strike.

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Hundreds of thousands of people are going to be heading downtown to soak up the last few days of Olympic spirit. Don't let that scare you away. Just be sure to plan ahead. Make sure you leave early, expect the unexpected (like transit delays) and wear comfortable shoes.

Sunday will be a huge day for Vancouver with the closing ceremonies. The Cambie Street Bridge will be closed to traffic between 8 a.m. and midnight.

If all goes according to "plan" and Canada plays for gold on Sunday at Canada Hockey Place this could be the busiest day of the Games. Pre-buy your TransLink tickets for your ride home and avoid the lineups.

"Keep in mind that there will be huge numbers of people heading to YVR over the next few days."

Also keep in mind that there will be huge numbers of people heading to YVR over the next few days. TransLink has extended the Canada Line schedule to overnight service Sunday to Monday. Trains will run every six minutes from Waterfront to YVR to help the flow. Sunday will also mark the end of the Sea-to-Sky Highway restrictions, most of the other major road closures will be lifted by March 2.

Expect traffic to be quite heavy for the first part of next week, as people get back to normal schedules. The Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts are scheduled to open to traffic on Tuesday, if not earlier.

Watch Michel weekday mornings on Breakfast Television and her nightly Traffic Forecasts on Cityty, cable 13.

Groups calls for bear-hunt ban in B.C. provincial parks

WILDLIFE The B.C. government is being accused of allowing trophy hunters to turn provincial parks into graveyards for grizzly bears, but the government insists it's protecting the bears.

The accusation comes from the David Suzuki Foundation, which claims hundreds of grizzlies have been shot in 60 parks or protected areas in B.C. in the last 30 years.

The Foundation and other groups are demanding the province ban trophy hunting for bears, especially in wilderness areas like the Great Bear Rainforest on the Central Coast.

A government statement says B.C. is committed to protecting grizzly bears, including closing almost two million hectares of land to grizzly hunting along the North and Central Coasts.

The government also says no hunting is allowed in any bear population that's considered threatened.

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Sullivan to serve as Canada's Paralympic Games ambassador

SPORTS Former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan has been named Canada's ambassador for the upcoming Paralympic Games that begin on March 12, Heritage Minister James Moore announced yesterday.

The 50-year-old, who is quadriplegic, also expects to take part when the Paralympic torch relay begins next week in Ottawa.

Sullivan captured world attention four years ago when he accepted the Olympic flag in Turin on behalf of Vancouver, waving the massive banner by executing a series of spins in his motorized wheelchair.

A spokesman for Sullivan says the former mayor is very honoured to be Paralympic ambassador, and will invite all British Columbians to take part in the upcoming Games.

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Former Vancouver mayor Sam Sullivan holds the Olympic flag at the closing ceremony of the Turin 2006 Winter Games in this file photo.

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Tearing down viaducts could open up land: Meggs

SEAN KOLENKO
for Metro Vancouver

INFRASTRUCTURE Knocking down the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts and linking local connector roads in their place could open up hundreds of millions of dollars in future real estate opportunities, according to Vision Coun. Geoff Meggs.

In a proposal already put forth to city council — and one that could be voted on as early as April — Meggs is asking the city to look at development possibilities in the area which runs along Pacific Blvd., touching the neighbourhoods of Yaletown, Gastown, Chinatown and Strathcona. This proposal comes in the wake of other recent city-approved rezoning bylaws in Chinatown.

"The question we need to ask is whether or not fragments of a rejected freeway are contributing to the future of Vancouver."
Vision Coun. Geoff Meggs

"The question we need to ask is whether or not fragments of a rejected freeway are contributing to the future of Vancouver," said Meggs.

"It's hard for me to see how a relic of a highway is going to help."

While the potential for such high profit is sure to attract a number of developers, COPE Coun. Ellen Woodsworth fears the loss of Vancouver's distinct neighbourhoods could be on the horizon.

"I agree that they (the viaducts) are concrete monstrosities," said Woodsworth. "But we could also look at more greenspace instead."

News in brief

RUSSIA Russian President Dmitry Medvedev may cancel his trip to Vancouver for the closing ceremonies. Russia's honorary consul said on Thursday he's not sure about the president's intentions.

PARALYMPIC The B.C. Pavilion and activities at Robson Square will also be open during the Paralympic Winter Games, Premier Gordon Campbell announced Thursday. Attractions include the ice rink, the zipline, daily free entertainment and concerts, screens showing events, as well as free admission to the Vancouver Art Gallery.

ALCOHOL Downtown liquor stores remained open Thursday night after early closures last Saturday and Sunday in attempt to curb drinking alcohol on the streets. Police say crowds have been behaving better.

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First Nations chief backs Innu over hunting rights
The Assembly of First Nations is defending Innu hunters involved in a hunting dispute with the Newfoundland and Labrador government. Assembly Chief Shawn Atleo says the Innu are exercising their inherent right to hunt in ancestral lands spread over parts of Quebec and Labrador. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

No gold medal for grammar

Lyricist Alan Frew, who wrote the words to the Olympic TV anthem I Believe, says he considers the song flawless — despite a grammatical error in the song's refrain "I believe in the power of you and I." Frew says he was determined to have the line rhyme with "fly," even though he realized, like Internet grammarians, that it should be "you and me."
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Quebec **Uh-oh, there's a train in the backyard**

CLEAVEN ALLARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workers inspect the porch and backyard of a house damaged in a train derailment in St-Charles-de-Bellechasse, Que., on Thursday. The Via Rail train carried about 120 passengers and 10 crew. Two passengers suffered minor injuries.

An asterisk on our Games

IOC boss cites luger's death

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

A death at the Vancouver Olympics will forever place an asterisk next to its place in the history books, says the world Olympics boss.

Jacques Rogge says he has taken steps to ensure it doesn't happen again at the next Winter Games — in Sochi, Russia.

Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili was killed during a training run at the Whistler Sliding Centre on the first day of the Vancouver Games.

Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, said it was "stupid" to think the luger's death won't forever be part of the Games.

"What happened in Munich is part of the Games," he said, referring to the hostage taking and subsequent death of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

Rogge said he asked the Sochi organizers to please think "safety first" as they build their sliding track.
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Mystery blast levels a latrine

PORTA-POTTY It sounds like a comic sketch from the TV show M*A*S*H: Someone blew up a Porta-Potty at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, N.B., with a pyrotechnic used to simulate the flash and bang of artillery or mortar fire. It cost about $800 to replace.
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Tories set to revive Afghan abuse panel

TORTURE The Conservative government is pledging to quickly resurrect the special Commons committee on Afghanistan once Parliament returns next week.

The committee, which died when Parliament was prorogued, had been digging into the contentious issue of Canadian complicity in prisoner abuse by Afghan authorities.

Opposition MPs speculated the government ended the parliamentary session to squelch the gadfly committee and suggested it wouldn't be reconvened.

But government whip Gordon O'Connor has written to the official Opposition pledging to bring the committee back.
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The Colvin file

- Prisoner abuse has been a burning issue since diplomat Richard Colvin told the committee in November that detainees captured by Canadian soldiers were likely tortured after they were transferred to Afghan authorities in 2006 and 2007.

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Alberta court grants new murder trial

The Alberta Court of has ruled a Red Deer man convicted of second-degree murder will get a new trial, saying he should never have been forced to conduct his own defense without a lawyer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian flyers facing new tax hike

Air travellers are facing an April Fool's Day surprise that's no joke.

The federal government is set to raise the airport security tax on April 1 — subject to parliamentary approval — to cover the cost of full-body screening and other security measures.

Transport Minister John Baird announced Thursday the government will put up $1.5 billion over the next five years to tighten security. To cover that, air security fees will rise by $2.50 for a one-way flight in Canada, by $4.37 for transborder flights and by $8.91 for international routes. The fees currently range from $5 to $16 per ticket, depending on the destination.

Baird played down the increase, saying it's not much more than the cost of an in-flight pillow or a headset.

The announcement came after the government said next week's budget wouldn't raise taxes. Baird said the security charge is a user fee, not a tax. The government announced recently that it will spend $11 million to buy 44 full-body scanners for airports.

And the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority — the Crown corporation responsible for keeping air travel safe — is bringing in a new behavioural observation program to look for suspicious travellers. It will spend millions to train people in the techniques.

Baird blamed the failed Christmas terror attack on a U.S.-bound airliner for increased security needs. "Our government is unwavering in our determination to keep all Canadians safe and secure from terrorism, and we are taking the necessary measures to meet this goal," he said.

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Agency review

- Transport Minister John Baird also announced Thursday a full review into the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority. The study will look at the agency's spending, efficiency and structure.

Ottawa **Dust-up in Parliament**

They were spring-cleaning on Parliament Hill Thursday — even though snow was still on the ground. Here, cleaners armed with dusters and cloths touch up the Senate thrones.

Anti-Olympic protesters lose momentum

VANCOUVER Anti-Olympic protesters will have their last chance Sunday to draw world attention to their issues.

But they appear headed into their so-called celebratory street party more divided and disparate than they were even as the loose coalition that organized a massive demonstration on the Games' opening day.

Momentum seemed to go out of the anti-Olympic movement after protesters, masked and dressed entirely in black, trashed display windows of the downtown Bay — the superstore selling Olympic merchandise — during a march the morning after the opening ceremonies.

The estimated 1,500 protesters were mostly peaceful as they marched through downtown Vancouver the day the Games opened.

However, the next day, some participants among 200 demonstrators in the so-called Heart Attack march, caused mayhem, breaking the Bay's windows, tossing newspaper boxes into the street and clashing with riot-equipped police before eventually being convinced to disband.

In the early going, spokesmen for the protest movement carefully parsed their words to avoid condemning the vandalism directly.

At least one protester claimed the broken windows and spray-painted vehicles didn't amount to violence because it was against property, not people.

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Clinton aims to resolve fish dispute before Passover
Just in time for Passover, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will try to resolve a trade dispute holding up a huge shipment of fish destined for seder in Israel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS 9

World

Neo-Nazis sentenced

Russia fighting post-Soviet surge of racist killings

Nine young men who formed a neo-Nazi group and killed six people were sentenced to prison Thursday, as Russian officials battle a surge in racist assaults, hate crimes and xenophobia.

The Moscow City Court said in a statement that 12 mostly underage neo-Nazis who called themselves "White Wolves" were charged with committing 11 murders and one assault since April 2007. A jury found nine of them guilty of six murders and one assault. The group was formed on Adolf Hitler's birthday to "exterminate" non-Russians and was active until early 2009, when its members were arrested.

They preyed on Central Asians and other non-Slavic people with dark skin or Asian features kicking and stabbing them to death. During the attacks, which were often videotaped to be posted online, they chanted "Russia for Russians!"

Russia has experienced a surge of racist assaults, xenophobia and neo-Nazism in the years since the Soviet collapse. Amid the ongoing economic meltdown, nationalist groups are lashing out at labour migrants from ex-Soviet Central Asia and Russia's poor North Caucasus, accusing them of stealing jobs from ethnic Russians.

In December 2008, a group of mostly underage neo-Nazis was sentenced to prison for murdering 19 people. They also posted videos of their attacks online with detailed instructions on how to kill "underpeople."

Authorities have recently cracked down on the most radical groups, and the number of hate crimes fell last year.

The Sova rights groups said 71 people were killed and 333 wounded in racially motivated attacks last year, down from 110 killed and 487 wounded in 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan **Fun in the mud**

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Men in loincloths jostle each other in a muddy rice paddy at a shrine near Tokyo on Thursday. Hundreds of locals took part in "the muddy rite," a ceremony to pray for a good harvest for the year and good health for babies.

U.S. northeast braces for yet another storm

NEW YORK Another big, powerful snowstorm barrelled into the winter-weary Northeastern U.S. states Thursday, disrupting airline flights, closing schools and threatening high winds that could team up with the wet, heavy snow to topple trees and power lines.

The storm was expected to drop at least 20 centimetres of snow over much of the region and linger more than 24 hours, meaning more headaches Friday. More snow is predicted for much of the region Saturday, too.

Back-to-back storms have been blamed for a number of deaths, including a man who was hit by a snow-laden tree branch in New York's Central Park.

Airlines cancelled hundreds of flights in the New York City area and Philadelphia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

DUBAI Water gushed from a leak in a shark-filled aquarium in a ritzy Dubai mall on Thursday, sending startled shoppers scattering and shutting down nearby shops in one of the city's proudest attractions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Former Madoff operations director arrested

Daniel Bonventre, 63, the former operations director for Bernard Madoff Investment Securities was arrested Thursday. Prosecutors said that, with Bonventre's knowledge, hundreds of millions of dollars were siphoned out of accounts belonging to Madoff's clients. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gold medal worth $1M?

Olympic Games creating bankable Canadian athletes

What's a gold medal worth to an Olympic athlete in Canada? More than a million dollars in corporate sponsorships, says a sports marketing agent.

Several athletes could qualify for the superstar treatment, Elliott Kerr, president of Landmark Sport Group, of Mississauga, said Thursday.

Kerr's agency represents multiple medal winner Cindy Klassen, a speedskater who signed the first seven-figure deal in Canada after the 2006 Games.

But an agent who represents corporate sponsors — Keith McIntyre of K. Mac & Associates in Burlington — cautions that despite the incredible popularity and appeal of the Vancouver Games, Canada is a small country with limited sponsorship opportunities. While athletes south of the border can command multimillion-dollar deals, it's rare for a Canadian Olympic medal winner to earn more than $500,000 from corporate deals, he said.

Some marketers are eyeing Joannie Rochette — the 24-year-old figure skater whose mother, Therese, died just days before her Olympic performance — because her personal tragedy resonated so deeply with viewers.

Gold medal ice dancing pair Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, were relative unknowns who are now seen as imminently bankable, Kerr said. Moguls skier Alex Bilodeau, the 22-year-old from Rosemere, Que., already had McDonald's Restaurants as a sponsor before the Games started.

Depending on the sport and the medal, the bonus can be worth as little as $10,000 and as much as $100,000, Kerr said.

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Sweet deals, but just not here

- U.S. snowboarder Shaun White went into the Vancouver Games with $7.5 million US earned from sponsors last year, including Burton, Target, and Red Bull, Forbes magazine reported.
- South Korea's Kim Yu-Na, coached by Canadian great Brian Orser, was second on Forbes' list of top earners. Her sweetheart status had already earned $7.5 million US from sponsors, including Hyundai Motor, Kookmin Bank and Procter & Gamble.

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Canada's Kaillie Humphries, left, and Heather Moyse, who won gold in women's bobsled competition at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games in Whistler, B.C., Wednesday, could see their top place translate into sponsorship deals for real cash.

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CIBC shareholders first of big banks to OK 'say on pay' plan

BANKING CIBC shareholders approved Thursday the way the bank compensates its CEO and top executives, marking the first such "say on pay" vote at one of Canada's big banks.

The non-binding vote at CIBC's annual meeting was passed with an overwhelming 92.89 per cent approval, as the bank reported a $652-million profit in the first quarter.

The rest of Canada's big banks are also expected to hold shareholder votes on executive compensation over the next few weeks.

CIBC, the first of Canada's big banks to report quarterly earnings, said it earned $1.58 per share for the quarter ended Jan. 31, up from $147 million or 29 cents per share a year earlier. Revenue rose to $3.06 billion, up from $2.02 billion in the first quarter of the bank's 2008 financial year.

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Payroll employment up in December, StatsCan says

ECONOMY Non-farm payroll employment increased by 22,000 in December, its fourth straight month of modest gains.

Statistics Canada says payroll employment remained down 380,000 from its October 2008 peak, despite recent gains.

Job gains in December were widespread, with 61 per cent of industries reporting gains, the highest share since October 2007.

There were only two sectors in which the majority of industries had job declines: Transportation and warehousing, and public administration.

The construction sector has increased by 19,300 (2.4 per cent) since August after shedding 61,000 jobs in the first 10 months of the economic downturn.

Other industries with ties to construction have either had modest job growth or smaller declines in recent months. Those include building material and supplies dealers and furniture manufacturing.

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Canadians won't bite for 'free lunch' RRSP plans

RRSP When it comes to saving for retirement, Canadians are full of good intentions, but come up short on the follow-through.

While nearly 90 per cent of those who file taxes are eligible to contribute to an RRSP or registered retirement savings plan, only about one-third actually put money away into these tax-sheltered investment accounts.

"There's not very many free lunches left in the world and having an RRSP plan is certainly one of those." Glen Gowland, Scotia Asset Management

In 2007, about 6.3 million tax filers put $34.1 billion in their RRSPs, according to figures from Statistics Canada. That's just a tiny fraction of the $560 billion of unused contribution room that Canadians carried forward that year.

Studies show that one-third of Canadians do not have an RRSP. And yet a growing chorus of Canadians say they are worried about having enough money saved to get through their retirement years.

Experts say that an RRSP is still the best way to save for retirement for most Canadians.

"I would be a firm believer that it's the absolute best and one of the last opportunities to save for retirement in a very tax-efficient way. There's not very many free lunches left in the world and having an RRSP plan is certainly one of those," said Glen Gowland, president and CEO of Scotia Asset Management.

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Jobless Storms blamed for jump

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Job seekers wait to talk with a recruiter at a job fair in New York. New claims for unemployment benefits in the U.S. have jumped unexpectedly, mostly because of a backlog of claims caused by severe snowstorms two weeks ago. The storms also increased temporary layoffs in construction and transportation.

Business in brief

SUNCOR A British natural gas giant has grabbed assets in the Caribbean Sea from Suncor Energy Inc. for $396 million, as Canada's biggest energy company continues to slim down its portfolio. The sale to Centrica PLC is expected to close by the end of March and requires government approval, Calgary-based Suncor said Thursday. Since merging with former Crown corporation Petro-Canada last August, Suncor has been aiming to trim between $2 billion and $4 billion in assets that don't fit with its main oilsands business. Suncor has managed to sell off about $1.3 billion of its non-core operations. Some of its smaller holdings in the North Sea are still on the block.

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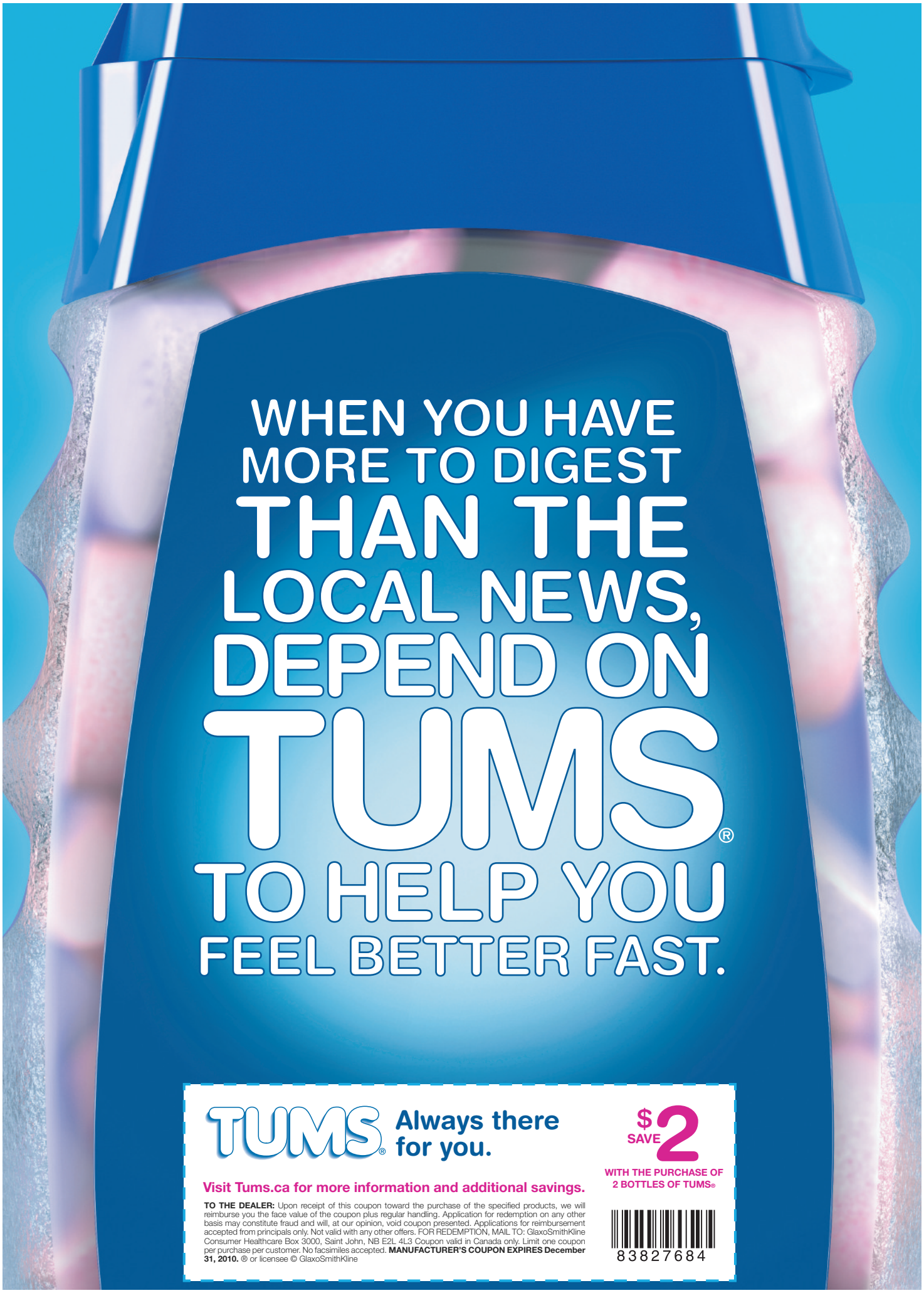

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Comment

20 questions to wrap up the Games

UrbanCompass

OK, now what? Let's jump the gun a bit (and hope Canada wins the men's gold medal hockey game Sunday and the anarchists stay under their rock until the news cameras leave town) and play 20 post-Olympic questions:

1. Finance Minister Colin Hansen tables the post-Olympic budget Tuesday. Ready for the hangover?

2. Will MukMuk, the Vancouver Island marmot, be granted full Olympic mascot status before it becomes extinct?

3. Will Vancouver's Chief Busybody, Coun. Geoff Meggs, succeed in getting the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts torn down, eliminating the last car-friendly thoroughfares in town?

4. Will it ever snow again?

5. Will Robson Square become the focal point for a new, improved Fun City?

6. How much revenue did VANOC pull in through the sale of Olympic stuff, and is it enough to offset the costs of hauling snow to Cypress?

7. Will I ever get a pair of those cool red mittens? I mean, if the Girl in a Wetsuit has red mittens, why don't I?

8. What will happen to the semi-successful Own the Podium program, the refreshing, un-Canadian attempt to muscle all the other guys out of the way?

9. Will I (or anyone else) start following biathlon, Nordic combined and ice dancing on a regular basis?

10. Is curling really sexy? (No fair if you've already seen the Fire and Ice calendar photo of Danish curler Madeleine Dupont. The answer is, um, obvious.)

11. Is Sochi, the site of the 2014 Winter Olympics, ready for its international media close-up? Hint: Don't invite the Brits ... or if you do, make sure they win a gold medal on Day 1.

12. What's next for John Furlong? (He should take a long vacation as far from winter as he can get, then come back and do whatever he likes.)

13. Will they finally raise the fourth leg of the cauldron podium during the closing ceremonies?

14. Will that strange mix of patriotism, celebration and delight that has transformed Vancouver last through Monday?

15. Will that nice policeman continue to be our friend after Sunday?

16. When's the ceremony to take down all those surveillance cameras that VANOC and the VPD promised would be gone after the Olympics?

17. Is Granville Street really finished, or will crews continue working on it ... forever?

18. Will you ever try a Japadog, the concoction of tube steak, seaweed and wasabi that is the surprise culinary hit of the Olympics?

19. Will the closing ceremonies crowd be able to sing along with O Canada Sunday? Where's Celine Dion when we need her?

20. What, if anything, can we do for an encore? How about homes for the homeless ... finally?

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Views

Time to follow the yellow BRIC road

InBusiness

One of the hottest business acronyms this year is BRIC. It stands for Brazil, Russia, India and China, four of the fastest growing economies in the world, and it represents a huge set of opportunities and challenges for Canadian companies.

The U.S., consumer of three-quarters of Canada's exports, is stumbling towards economic recovery. Meanwhile, the member countries of BRIC are surging ahead. The U.S. will be lucky to break three per cent in real GDP growth this year, but Brazil is on track for 4.8 per cent, Russia 4.9 per cent, India 7.3 per cent, and China a breathtaking 10 per cent.

With the exception of China, which has become Canada's second largest trading partner (a seriously uneven relationship since the Chinese sell us about $5 of merchandise for every dollar's worth we sell them) we've hardly begun to exploit the opportunities afforded by BRIC. Our dealings with Brazil, for example, are comparatively trifling: Two-way trade with the world's eighth largest economy is little more than $5 billion a year. Our overall investment there is just more than $9 billion.

So here's the conundrum for Canadian corporations that export and invest around the world. Do you continue to rely on the good old U.S. market in the realization that it's likely to remain Canada's primary export market indefinitely? Or do you diversify and follow the yellow (as in golden) BRIC road, where there are perils aplenty, but chances of huge growth?

It's a tough choice. For all their promise, the BRIC countries pose barriers of language, time, distance, unfamiliar business practices, baffling regulations, and complex markets.

Other BRIC countries have similar challenges, and they are sufficient to scare many into sticking with the same old thing. Then again, with great risk comes the prospect of great profitability.

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Red Sox to get mini Fenway

The future spring training home of the Boston Red Sox will have a replica Green Monster and duplicate the dimensions of Fenway Park. The Red Sox, Lee County and Populous released preliminary renderings Thursday of the 11,000-capacity, $75-million US ballpark, which is scheduled to open in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

No franchise tag for Brackett

The Indianapolis Colts let the NFL's deadline pass without using the franchise or transition tags on linebacker Gary Brackett, left. Brackett can become an unrestricted free agent March 5. Colts president Bill Polian said Wednesday he still hopes to re-sign Indy's defensive captain to a long-term deal before that date. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

NFL Oakland defensive end Richard Seymour and New England defensive tackle Vince Wilfork were among six players who received the franchise tag from their teams Thursday.

NBA The Washington Wizards bought out the contract of centre Zydrunas Ilgauskas and waived him, the team announced on Thursday. The seven-foot-three Ilgauskas was acquired from Cleveland on Feb. 17 as part of the three-team trade that sent Antawn Jamison to the Cavaliers.

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An emotional Mark McGwire laments a 'sad day' after learning of his brother's upcoming tell-all. Scan this code for the story.

Lions release three players

The B.C. Lions have released defensive back LaVar Glover, running back Ian Smart and defensive lineman Nautyn McKay-Loescher, the team announced late Thursday.

"LaVar, Ian and Nautyn have been very good players for our club and we thank them for their services," Lions head coach and GM Wally Buono said in a release.

Glover was signed as a free agent by the Lions in 2006 and compiled 116 tackles, seven interceptions and two touchdowns with B.C.

Smart also joined the Lions in 2006 after his early season release by the Montreal Alouettes. In 2009, the Kingston, Jamaica, native returned 20 kickoffs for 399 yards, to go along with 16 punt returns for 119 yards.

McKay-Loescher was originally selected by the Lions in the 2004 CFL draft and re-signed with the club in March 2009 after a stint with Hamilton. In five CFL seasons, the Toronto native has 46 tackles and 26 sacks.

Meanwhile, the Lions also announced that linebacker JoJuan Armour has retired.

"JoJuan was a leader on the field and in our dressing room and we wish him the very best," said Buono.

In six seasons with B.C., Hamilton and Calgary, Armour amassed 295 tackles and 16 sacks.

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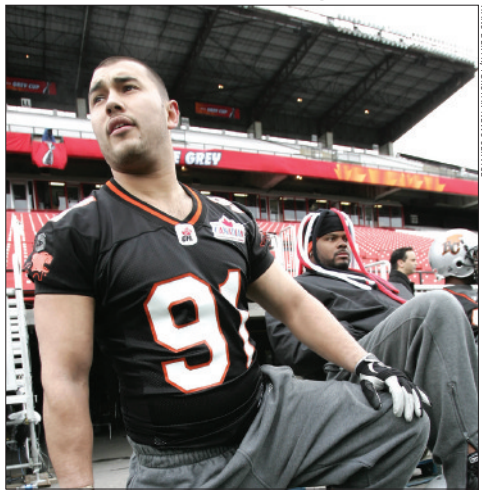

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Defensive lineman Nautyn McKay-Loescher was one of three players released by the Lions on Thursday.

Contract expires, but no MLS strike

LABOUR TALKS Major League Soccer's collective bargaining agreement was set to expire Thursday night after players balked at a third short-term extension.

While the union's decision left open the possibility of the league's first strike, players said they won't walk off just yet.

The sides, whose five-year contract initially was due to expire Jan. 31, have not met since Monday's session in Washington, D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IOC to probe post-gold drinking
The IOC will investigate the behavior of Canadian women hockey players who celebrated their gold medal by swigging beer and champagne on the ice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver Games

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What to watch on Friday

TVHighlights

9 a.m.: Women's curling
Bronze medal match China vs. Switzerland (Sportsnet).
11:30 a.m.: Men's biathlon
4x7.5km relay gold medal (OLN).
Noon: Men's hockey
Semifinals U.S. vs. Finland (CTV);
Noon: Snowboarding
Women's PGS gold medal (Sportsnet).
1:30 p.m.: Alpine skiing
Women's slalom gold medal (TSN).
2:30 p.m.: Short-track speedskating
Men's 500m gold medal, women's 1,000m gold medal, men's 5,000m relay gold medal (Sportsnet).
3 p.m.: Women's curling
Gold medal match Canada vs. Sweden (TSN).
6:30 p.m.: Men's hockey
Semifinals Canada vs. Slovakia (CTV).

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MedalCount

NATION				TOTAL
U.S.	8	12	12	32
Germany	8	11	7	26
Norway	7	6	6	19
Canada	8	6	3	17
Russia	3	4	6	13
Austria	4	3	5	12
South Korea	6	4	1	11
France	2	3	5	10
China	4	2	3	9
Switzerland	6	0	2	8
Sweden	4	2	2	8
Netherlands	3	1	2	6
Czech Republic	2	0	3	5
Poland	0	3	1	4
Japan	0	2	2	4
Italy	0	1	3	4
Australia	2	1	0	3
Belarus	1	1	1	3

On the web

- Up-to-date medal standings and results
- Complete day-by-day event schedule
- Vancouver managing editor Fernando Carneiro's daily column (metronews.ca/columns)
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Rochette takes bronze

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When she was finished her routine, Joannie Rochette blew a kiss to the audience and then leaned back and waved both arms straight upwards.

A handful of days after the unexpected death of her mother, Rochette captured bronze with a strong performance in the ladies free skate Thursday night at Vancouver's Pacific Coliseum.

Rochette's mother, Thérèse, 55, died Sunday of a heart attack in Vancouver. She and husband Norman had arrived in Vancouver a day earlier.

"I feel proud," Rochette said. "The result didn't matter. I'm happy to be on the podium. That was my goal coming here. It's been lifetime project with my mom and we achieved that."

Following a personal best performance in Tuesday's short program, Rochette, 24, entered the night in third place. She missed her second element, a triple flip, but was otherwise flawless.

Korean skater Yu-Na Kim won the gold medal with sublime skate that brought most of the audience to its feet and brought a shower of plush dolls to the ice. Mao Asada, who entered the evening in second, stumbled slightly and caught an edge, but managed to edge Rochette for the silver.

Canadian Cynthia Phaneuf, 22, who entered Thursday's free skate in 14th position, fell during her second combination, but still scored a personal best. She finished the competition in 12th place.

Phaneuf has been in Vancouver for two weeks and said that she has been consistent in practice, but succumbed to nerves before her skate.

"I don't really know why, but I was just more nervous," Phaneuf said. "Even leaving from the hotel, coming from the village to the arena, I was more tense and had a lot more pressure on myself."

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Joannie Rochette of Canada gestures after performing her free program on Thursday in the women's figure skating competition.

Games bring Canada out of its shell

GamesAnalysis
Matt Galloway
Guest Columnist

It's hard to describe what 200,000 people partying in the street sounds like. I have a good vantage point — the partying has been happening every night, almost all night, 15 floors down from my hotel room — and it's still hard to peg. The noise starts as a dull roar, punctuated occasionally by air horns, spontaneous rounds of O Canada and drunken shouts.

This enthusiasm will, for many, be the lasting image of these games.

Vancouver has come out of its shell in the last 10 days. As impressive though, is the fact we Canadians also seem to have come out of our shells.

Everywhere you go in this city, an overwhelming number of people are wearing something red, something that has CANADA printed on it.

There is a celebratory mood on the streets here. Some of that has been helped by stunning weather that has people checking their calendars to ensure it really is February.

Even a week of sunshine, double-digit temperatures and blossoming cherry trees can't explain why people from across the globe would cheerily line up for hours to do just about anything.

In many cities, including my hometown of Toronto, this would be greeted by grumbles, or worse. Here, people make an event out of it, thinking nothing of waiting for seven or eight hours to ride the zipline over Robson Square. Sure, the 40 seconds of terror as you whizz over thousands of people is absurdly fun, but who would wait an entire day for 40 seconds?

Plenty of people, actually. And in a way, that helps explain what the Olympics have done to this city.

You can be cynical about the five-ring circus for good reason. You can insist that resources spent on these Games should have gone elsewhere.

But it's hard not to be swept up in the celebratory feel of the place. Even from 15 floors up at 2 am.

Matt Galloway is the host of Metro Morning on CBC Radio One 99.1 FM in Toronto.

On the web

More CBC reporters, including Ian Hanomansing and Gloria Macarenko, reflect on their time in Vancouver at metronews.ca/olympics

Klassen, named pursuit team alternate, faces questions about future after Games

LONG TRACK Speedskating star Cindy Klassen may not be done racing at the Vancouver Olympics just yet after being named an alternate on Canada's pursuit team Thursday, but that will only temporarily put off questions about her future.

Cindy Klassen

The six-time medallist finished 12th in the 5,000 metres Wednesday to cap off her individual events at these Winter Games. She was given another chance when coach Ingrid Paul chose her over fellow Winnipeg native Shannon Rempel to serve as the powerhouse pursuit squad's sub.

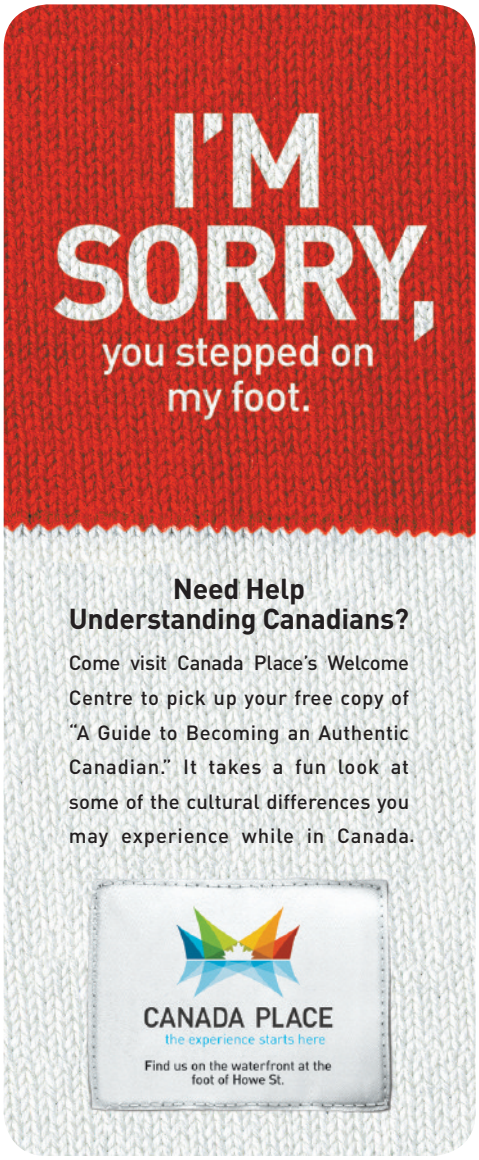
Klassen is facing a much bigger decision in the coming months.

A five-time medallist at the Turin Olympics, the 30-year-old has been a shadow of her former self.

At times, the inability to skate like she did in the past leaves her frustrated.

"There are some days like that, but really, I feel at peace with it," said Klassen.

"I've just left it in God's hands." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Cautious approach

Team Canada would do well to adopt the attitude of its most consistent performer heading into a potentially dangerous semi-final against Slovakia.

Jonathan Toews has stood tall in the pressure-packed Olympic men's tournament, taking his game to another level and leading the event with seven points and a plus-9 rating. At just 21, he's the youngest forward on the Canadian team and he's intent on doing everything he can to stay in the moment.

Next up for Canada is a Slovakian team (Friday at 9:30 p.m. on CTV) that has pulled a few surprises.

Coming on the heels of the breathtaking quarter-final victory over Russia, there seems to be a growing feeling among the Canadian public that a path to the gold-medal final is all but assured.

However, the Canadian players were being much more cautious than fans and reporters, a wise move after Slovakia knocked off defending champion Sweden in the quarter-finals.

"There are no easy games in this tournament," said goalie Roberto Luongo, who will get another start.

"Every team is a capable winner. The four teams left want to win the gold so we have to play our game. That's how we're going to play our game."

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With seven points, Canada's Jonathan Toews is tied for the lead in the men's Olympic hockey tournament scoring.

Canada's version of girl power

DOMINANCE Let's hear it for the girls.

Women have accounted for more than three-quarters of Canada's medal haul at the Vancouver Olympics.

Their performances have been so strong that Canadian Olympic Committee CEO Chris Rudge gave some props to "the wonderful young women in this country" during a news conference Thursday.

"Two-thirds of our medals in Torino (four years ago) came from female athletes, I think right now it's 80 per cent, and I don't see that trend changing a heck of a lot as we go forward," he said.

Heading into Thursday's competition, women had claimed four of Canada's seven gold medals while another belonged to the ice dance duo of Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

Five of the six silver medals and both bronze also went to the women.

Long-track speedskater Clara Hughes, who won a bronze in the 5,000 metres on Wednesday to match Cindy Klassen's Canadian record of six career medals, offers a theory why.

Clara Hughes

"I think realistically, and I hate to say this as a female, but there's a lot more depth in men's sport and it takes a lot more resources to be able to develop men to the same level as women in many sports," said Hughes.

"There is so much depth, especially in the endurance sports, it takes more time, it takes more resources, and I'm not saying it's easier to win as a female, but in terms of depth it is different. There is depth (in women's sport), but it doesn't run as deep." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bernard to face Sweden in gold battle

CURLING Canada's Cheryl Bernard is one win away from Olympic gold after knocking off two-time silver medallist Mirjam Ott of Switzerland 6-5.

The 43-year-old from Calgary moves on to the gold medal game Friday against Sweden's Anette Norberg, who beat China 9-4 in the other semifinal.

Norberg is the defending Olympic champion.

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Kevin Martin

- Canada's Kevin Martin defeated Sweden 6-3 in men's curling Thursday to advance to the gold medal game.

U.S. bobsledder detained, released by police

American bobsledder Bill Schuffenhauer, an Olympic silver medallist in 2002, was detained and released by police after an argument with his fiancée, a person with direct knowledge of the investigation said. He is expected to compete in Friday's four-man bobsled. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Men's aerials **Fine spin**

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Calgary's Kyle Nissen spins during men's aerials final Thursday at Cypress Mountain. Nissen, who led after the first run, was the last to come down. He finished the competition in fifth place.

Wonder women deliver the goods

Canada loves hockey. So far, the dramatic journey of the national men's team at these Olympics has more than made that apparent. Our collective obsession with a frozen team game has been cemented gloriously. But equally as heartening has been the public's response to the wonderful women who are leading the way at the home Olympics.

Already more than three quarters of the medals won by Canadian athletes at these Games have involved women. Skaters, skiers, hockey players and even daredevils in bobsleighs have performed to resounding ovations.

The flag bearer, Clara Hughes, has demonstrated incredible fortitude in finishing her illustrious career with a sixth medal from both the winter and summer Games. She stakes a claim to go down in history as one of the greatest Olympians of all time. Period. Then there's figure skater Joannie Rochette, whose personal tragedy has turned into a triumph of the human spirit. No moment at these Olympics can surpass her courageous odyssey on Pacific Coliseum ice. It will be remembered forever with overwhelming emotion.

And the women of Canada are so gracious and glorious in their victories. They positively beam as they greet massive crowds that have awaited their arrival for hours as they did in the Whistler Village Square following gold and silver in bobsleigh.

"I feel so lucky," said silver medallist and pilot Helen Upperton. "Thank you, thank you, thank you. It is such a privilege to be here," beamed her teammate, Shelley-Ann Brown.

And sharing a craft to win gold was a pilot from the foothills of Alberta who got a push from her Prince Edward Island friend. Heather Moyse of Summerside put it all in perspective.

Calgary's Kaillie Humphries heaved a sigh of relief and allowed herself a gigantic, beautiful smile. "Anything can happen at any time, especially here."

And it already has.

At these Olympics, Canadians are waiting with bated breath for the hockey gods to work more magic. The wonder women of this country have already delivered the goods.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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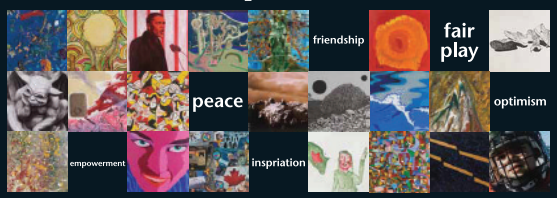

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The federal government is giving an extra $12 million to stage and broadcast the Paralympic Games, but Vancouver organizers say the money isn't intended to cover a shortfall. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Clockwise from right: Germany's Claudia Nystad crosses the finish line for the silver medal in Women's 4x5-kilometre Cross Country relay in Whistler Thursday. Brooke Zimmerman, left, and her sister, Sharie Cameron hold cutouts of Canadian curlers Ben Hebert, Marc Kennedy, John Morris and Kevin Martin, at the semi-final between Sweden and Canada. Tino Edelmann of Germany reacts after his Large Hill jump in the Nordic Combined event. Team Canada skip Cheryl Bernard calls after a shot in the first end against Switzerland during Women's Curling action. The USA's Bill Demong crosses the finish line to win the Nordic Combined Individual 10 kilometres.

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Finland enjoying dark-horse status

Finland likes its situation heading into a semifinal matchup Friday with the Americans in the Olympic men's hockey tournament.

"They have all the pressure," Finnish forward Teemu Selanne said Thursday after a light practice. "Nobody was counting on us to be in final four before the tournament.

"On a good day, we know we can beat everybody."

Especially with Miikka Kiprusoff on their team.

Kiprusoff, the 33-year-old Calgary Flames goalie, has been stellar for the most part at the Vancouver Games, reaffirming his reputation as one of world's best netminders.

He won the Vezina Trophy given to the NHL's top goaltender in 2006 — the only person to snap Canadian Martin Brodeur's ownership of the award between 2003-08 — and led the Calgary Flames to the 2004 Stanley Cup finals.

"On a good day, we know we can beat anybody."
Teemu Selanne

"Everything is about the goalie," Selanne said. "And he gives us a chance to win."

Kiprusoff seemed to make it all about himself before the Olympics, saying he wouldn't play for the Finns if he didn't start.

Their other options were pretty good: NHL players Niklas Backstrom and Antero Niittymaki, who helped Finland win silver in 2006.

"Miikka has to have confidence," Finland coach Jukka Jalonen said. "If he was the backup or third goalie, he wouldn't be here.

"But there was no doubt we wanted him to be here."

Kiprusoff also made headlines four years ago when he chose to rest a sore hip, which hadn't been serious enough to keep him off the ice in the NHL, instead of playing for his country at the Turin Games.

"I can't care less," Kiprusoff said when asked about that decision. "I'm concentrating on this tournament."

If the Finns beat the U.S., they will be the only team with three medals since NHL players began taking part in the Olympics in 1998 — adding to the silver they won four years ago and their bronze in Nagano. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Australian body to look into comments

Homophobic comments made by two commentators on an Australian TV network's Winter Olympic coverage will be investigated by the New South Wales state's Anti-Discrimination Board. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Clockwise from left: Sweden skip Niklas Edin reacts to a shot as Canada skip Kevin Martin looks on during semifinal Men's Curling Thursday. Wolfgang Maier, coach of the German Alpine Ski team, celebrates with a skier during the Women's Giant Slalom in Whistler. Celia Bourgeois of France lies exhausted after the Women's Cross Country 4x5 km Relay. A fan holds up a sign before the Women's gold medal hockey game. Finland players celebrate after Saara Tuominen scored the game-winning goal in overtime to beat Sweden in the Women's Hockey bronze medal game. Canada's Marie-Michele Gagnon speeds down the course during the Women's Giant Slalom.

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Norway tops in cross-country relay

Norway won the women's cross-country relay on Thursday after Marit Bjoergen decided the race on the final leg for her third gold medal of the Vancouver Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Medalheads wait hours to touch Olympics

Gold, silver and bronze are the biggest tourist attractions at the Vancouver Games

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Only with one hand properly sheathed in white cotton are visitors allowed to hold them — gold, silver and bronze Olympic and Paralympic medals on display at the Canadian mint in downtown Vancouver.

They have proved to be one of the most popular attractions of the Winter Games, with as many as 7,000 medalheads lining up every day to see the hardware. Waits can be as long as seven hours.

"We'll stand as long as it takes," said Christopher Ridge of Vancouver, who was waiting with his two sons, aged 7 and 9, several hundred people back to get in one day this week.

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This October 2009 file photo shows the Olympic silver, gold and bronze medals, left to right, being displayed during an unveiling ceremony in Vancouver.

"It's just so exciting to be able to touch a piece of the Olympics," he said. "They'll remember this forever."

Inside the mint, each person is given a white glove — no prints allowed on the medals. They are attached to ribbons, just like the athletes' are, but the privilege of slipping a medal around your neck is reserved for Olympians.

This year's medals are among the heaviest in the history of the Winter Games, tipping the scales at as much as 625 grams — about what a large Spanish onion or head of iceberg lettuce weighs.

They also have an unusual look — an undulating face, to evoke the landscape of British Columbia — and each is laser-etched with a unique design based on two original pieces of local artwork.

The gold medal actually has a sterling silver core. And the bronze is mostly copper. Vancouver organizers wanted it that way because copper looks less like gold than bronze. Plus it evokes cedar.

The medals are on display through Sunday, when the Games end.

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Vancouver Games in brief

PRESSURE Newly-crowned bobsled champion Kaillie Humphries says hometown pressure helped — not hindered — her push for Olympic gold. The 24-year-old native of Calgary says the loud and proud crowd at the Whistler Sliding Centre made their stunning double-medal win "all that more sweet." Much has been made of the pressure Canadian Olympic athletes have felt to deliver given public expectations and the federal government's $117-million, five-year commitment through the Own the Podium program. But Helen Upperton, who won silver in bobsled Wednesday, says there's nothing wrong with that kind of pressure.

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Canada's gold haul better than expected

WINS Although Canadian athletes will fall short of the Own the Podium goal of winning the most medals at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, former Olympic champion Alex Baumann says the country's gold haul is above expectations.

"I'm actually a little bit surprised with the golds in terms of our predictions,'" said Baumann, who is in charge of the Canadian Olympic Committee's version of the OTP plan for the Summer Games.

"We've had some pleasant surprises and hopefully there will be some results moving forward as well. The gold-medal count is very positive."

As of Thursday, Canada had eight gold, six silver and three bronze to stand fourth in the medals standings.

"We've had some pleasant surprises and hopefully there will be some results moving forward as well."
Alex Baumann, athlete

Baumann — a former Canadian star swimmer who helped Australia develop its athletes for the 2000 and 2004 Games — said although Canada's goal was "very ambitious," it was also realistic.

And he doesn't feel that it put too much pressure on the country's athletes.

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Hockey **Boy oh girls**

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Some fans try to get noticed at the women's hockey bronze-medal game Thursday between Finland and Sweden at Canada Hockey Place. Finland won 3-2 in overtime.

Is KHL to blame for Russia's early departure from Games?

HOCKEY Alexander Medvedev rejects the suggestion that Russia made an early exit from the Olympic men's hockey tournament because the team included so many KHL players.

The president of the Russian domestic league was still stinging a day after watching the national team get bounced by Canada, but came to the defence of the nine KHL players on the squad. He doesn't believe they disrupted the chemistry with the NHL stars.

Russian coach Slava Bykov faced questions about the makeup of the team in the aftermath of a devastating 7-3 loss to Canada in Wednesday's quarter-final.

"I heard another question — maybe it was too little KHL players," Medvedev said Thursday in an interview. "(The) advantage of our team during the last world championship was that it was no division between KHL and NHLers. It was one of the major advantage of it."

The Russian team featured two full forward lines of KHL players along with three defencemen from the domestic league.

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Mountain of years separates competitors

Thirty-five years separate the oldest and youngest alpine skiers at the Vancouver Olympics — 51-year-old Hubertus Von Hohenlohe of Mexico and Peru's 16-year-old Manfred Oettl Reyes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dutch skater has chance for redemption

Sven Kramer has another chance for a gold medal — and this time he won't have to worry about switching lanes.

The Olympic speedskating competition wraps up Friday and Saturday with the team pursuit, an event that gives the Dutchman a shot at redemption after a shocking blunder in the 10,000 metres.

Kramer posted a time that was more than four seconds faster than anyone else, only to be disqualified because his coach sent him to the wrong lane on a routine changeover.

Kramer has made up with Gerard Kemkers and turned his focus to the pursuit, an event that provides head-to-head competition between teams of three tightly bunched skaters starting from opposite sides of the oval.

There are no lane changeovers in the event, and the winner is determined by which team gets all three of its skaters across the line first. The men race eight laps from the inside lane, the women six.

"We have to go on," Kramer said.

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Family forever linked to boarder

GIFT OF LIFE From her home in Idaho, Kathy Flood will watch the Olympics — one Olympian, in particular.

Ten years ago, Flood's 13-year-old grandson, Billie, was shot and killed in an accident in Colorado. Not far away, snowboarder Chris Klug was dying, on the shortlist for a liver transplant. Because of timing and proximity, Billie's liver went to Klug. He has been trying to repay the unrepayable favour ever since.

"Couldn't be prouder of him if he were my own, that's for sure," Flood said.

The story reached an emotional high point at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics when, 19 months after the transplant, Klug captured the bronze medal in parallel giant slalom.

Now 37, Klug is back at the Olympics this year, a longshot in Saturday's PGS event at Cypress Mountain.

"One of the things I'm very passionate about, and definitely one of the reasons I'm fired up about going to Vancouver, is to use that platform to trumpet the cause and get the word out there loud and clear," Klug said.

Flood insists she's been listening. And she will be watching Saturday.

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Message

- Chris Klug started the Chris Klug Foundation and "Donor Dudes," the goals of which are to spread the message about the importance of organ donation. He travels the country, and the world, giving speeches, headlining at fundraisers and, of course, using his snowboarding world as a platform to get the word out.

Monday expected to be busiest day ever for Vancouver airport

Air Canada is adding capacity on many routes from Vancouver Monday in anticipation of what the airline says will be the busiest day ever for the city's airport. Air Canada says it expects up to 39,000 people to be flying out of the airport Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Clara's heart of gold

Speedskater to donate $10K bonus to local foundation

Clara Hughes was off to Vancouver's trendy Commercial Drive area one day last summer to seek out some organic food and off-beat shops when a wrong turn suddenly sent her into one of Canada's poorest neighbourhoods.

The alarming poverty she encountered in the Downtown Eastside left her stunned and heartbroken. Once she found her way again she turned to husband Peter Guzman and told him, "I can't leave town without feeling like I'm contributing to giving this place maybe some hope, giving it something."

"I think this is going to shift and maybe change the direction of some lives, just like sport did for me." Clara Hughes

The 37-year-old long-track speedskater did just that Thursday, announcing she will donate her $10,000 bonus from the Canadian Olympic Committee for winning bronze at the Winter Olympics to the Take A Hike Foundation. The program provides adventure-based learning for at-risk kids in the city, and its aims struck a chord with Hughes.

"I really believe this program parallels what sport has done for me," said Hughes. "It took me out of a really bad direction and path in life and I think this program is something that works.

"I think there are many programs that are helping kids and I think this is going to shift and maybe change the direction of some lives, just like sport did for me."

The gift comes one day after Hughes capped her career as an elite athlete by finishing third in the gruelling women's 5,000 metres.

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Canada's Clara Hughes celebrates Wednesday after winning bronze in the women's 5,000-metre speedskating race at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

Lab spots possible signs of blood doping

DRUGS The Vancouver Games may yet have some positive drug tests.

The chairman of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission said Thursday that the anti-doping lab wants to do additional analysis on blood samples taken from some athletes because there may be signs that point to blood doping.

Dr. Arne Ljungqvist, a veteran of the anti-doping campaign, couldn't say how many tests are undergoing further study. "I don't have any figures. And all I can say is that it's a low-grade suspicion at a very low rate," Ljungqvist told journalists at an IOC briefing.

"There is not a particular suspicion directed towards a particular athlete," he added. "But we, just to make sure, wish to follow up some blood data. And that means that we are looking at perhaps cases that are maybe using late generations of EPO."

EPO, short for erythropoeitin, is a member of a class of drugs developed to combat anemia — low red blood cell counts — in patients with kidney failure and some forms of cancer. Doping athletes in endurance sports use the drugs to boost production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells.

Ljungqvist didn't say whether the drug lab expects to be able to resolve the question by the end of the Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2,000

With 1,821 out of a projected 2,000 doping tests completed, the only positive that has come to light remains a Russian women's hockey player who used a banned stimulant in a cold decongestant before the Games began. She was reprimanded, but not barred from competition

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Vancouver Games in brief

RATINGS Team Canada's quarter-final dismantling of Russia Wednesday night was watched in part by nearly two-thirds of Canadians and drew an average of 10.5 million viewers, according to CTV. The network said the number fell just short of the 10.6 million people who tuned in to the Americans' round-robin victory over Team Canada Sunday. Other highlights Wednesday included 3.6 million viewers for the women's bobsled event, which saw Canada grab gold and silver, and 2.2 million for the women's aerials final in freestyle skiing.

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IOC president marvels at Vancouver Games

PRAISE When Jacques Rogge made his first visit to Canada as president of the International Olympic Committee, he encountered a nation in mourning.

He arrived during the NHL lockout in 2004 and everywhere he went, all he heard about was the lack of hockey.

"I discovered your passion for hockey when I first came here," Rogge said in an interview.

Now he's returned to find a nation in celebration.

Canada won four medals Wednesday and defeated Russia in men's hockey to advance to the semifinal.

"I have never seen a city embrace the Games as Vancouver has done, it's really been astounding." Jacques Rogge, IOC president

Rogge was there for one of them, sitting alongside the speedskating track in Richmond as Clara Hughes took to the ice for her final race, winning a bronze.

The IOC president, who has presided over two prior Winter Games, marvelled at the full house in the oval, even on a rainy midweek afternoon.

While Dutch fans wearing orange roared for their teams, he said their spirit was old hat — their country is next to his native home of Belgium, he pointed out, and he knows them well.

But the Canadians?

"I have never seen a city embrace the Games as Vancouver has done, it's really been astounding," he told a small group of reporters.

"I would say Sydney comes at the same level, but you cannot compare Summer and Winter Games. What we have seen here, in the streets of Vancouver, is absolutely extraordinary."

The 2010 Olympics will be the last Winter Games Rogge oversees as president. His term expires in 2013.

While it's true that Canada won't reign on the podium at the Olympics, he believes government and organizers did the right thing in putting together the $117-million Own the Podium program.

"The ambition to say that you will be No. 1 and have more medals than the rest of the countries was maybe a bit ambitious," he said.

"You need to have a high goal. If it's too low, it doesn't express ambition so you have to set a high bar."

It is in the athletes that Rogge appears to find inspiration.

He remains upset by the death of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili and admired the courage of Canada's Joannie Rochette, who took to the ice in figure skating only days after the death of her mother.

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Olympic sweat goes to the highest bidder

AUCTION Ardent Olympic fans will be able to get closer than ever to the Vancouver Games, going so far as to stand where Olympians stood and sweat where they sweated.

Thousands of items will ultimately be auctioned off by 2010 organizers, ranging from the podiums where winners were presented their medals to the pucks dropped at centre ice.

"Own a piece of Olympic history today by bidding on these unique items," says the site, available through www.vancouver2010.com/auctions.

Unique, indeed.

A hockey jersey soaked in Sidney Crosby's sweat is worth more than one he simply signed, as far as the bidders at the official Vancouver 2010 auction site are concerned.

With one day left to bid, the game-worn shirt had a top offer of $3,100. Crosby's signed Olympic jersey had fetched a high bid of $1,025 with two days left in the auction.

A jersey signed by Crosby's Russian rival, Alexander Ovechkin, was fetching $1,225 as the top bid with three hours left in bidding.

"Obviously, with the hockey tournament being so important to Canadians, there's game-worn jerseys from Team Canada, from the men's team and the women's team, those will be posted very shortly. So those are garnering a lot of interest," says Dennis Kim, director of licensing and merchandising for the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee.

Anything from current or past Olympians is also popular, he said.

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Items up for grabs

- The long list of items up for grabs includes ski gates signed by Canadian gold-medal snowboarder Alexandre Bilodeau, an official 2010 hockey stick signed by Canadian women's hockey star Haley Wickenheiser, and a signed competition bib by former gold-medal snowboarder Ross Rebagliati.

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Johnny Depp was ready to play any character in Tim Burton asked him to; for Alice in Wonderland he wanted him as the Mad Hatter.

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Johnny Depp picks up another eccentric role — this time the iconic Mad Hatter in Alice In Wonderland.

Johnny's new Mad-ness

Think Hatter's weird? Depp was ready to play Alice

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Over the course of 20 years and seven films working with director Tim Burton, Johnny Depp has had the opportunity to inhabit some very peculiar characters, from the skittish (Edward Scissorhands) to the manic (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) to the murderous (Sweeney Todd).

So when Burton signed on to direct a new Alice in Wonderland, Depp naturally was already on board.

"To be honest, he could've said Alice and I would have said yes," Depp says with a laugh. "I would have done whatever character Tim wanted, but certainly the fact that it was the Mad Hatter was a bonus."

Though his Alice would've certainly been interesting, Burton chose the Mad Hatter for Depp. Even though they're longtime collaborators, Depp wasn't necessarily at ease heading into the project. "There's a certain amount of pressure where you go, 'Jesus, will this be the one where I disappoint him?'" Depp says of working with Burton. "I try really hard, especially early on, just to come up with something that's very different and that he hasn't experienced before. I just try not to embarrass him, basically."

Alice In Wonderland opens next Friday

Known for escaping into eccentric roles, Depp saw Lewis Carroll's iconic oddball as an opportunity.

"It's a great challenge to find this guy and not just be a rubber ball that you heave into an empty room and watch bounce all over the place, but to find that part of the character and also a little bit more history or gravity to the guy," he says.

Even though he's one of the biggest movie stars in the world, the admittedly eccentric Depp insists he's more surprised than anyone at his fame, given the types of work he gravitates toward.

"My whole experience in this business defies logic. I'm still completely shocked that I still get jobs and still am around, you know?" Depp says. "I felt like after I'd done Cry-Baby with John Waters and Edward Scissorhands with Tim Burton that they were going to cut me off right there."

But even after all their work together, Depp admits it's still the first project, 1990's Edward Scissorhands that stands out — at least for his children. Depp says that Lily-Rose, 10, and Jack, 7, prefer their dad's early work.

"They just connect with the character," Depp says. "I think they see something — you know, their dad feeling that isolation, feeling that loneliness. They bawl."

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When it comes to laughs, it's a Cop Out

Cop Out
Director: Kevin Smith
Stars: Tracy Morgan, Bruce Willis, Seann William Scott
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

REVIEW It's not a surprise that Kevin Smith's first major studio picture (written by Robb and Mark Cullen, making this the first Smith-directed film that he did not write himself) is front-loaded with a lot of sure-fire wins.

You've got Tracy Morgan doing Tracy Morgan — considering his success on 30 Rock, all he has to do give a pensive glance to get some laughs. Bruce Willis does the tough-guy thing — but he really mails it in.

There's even Seann William Scott doing that same riff on Stifler he's been milking for his entire career. It's like a pizza burger — too much happening at once, and nothing seems to be meant to go together. This story is unseasoned, dull and filled with a lot of extraneous crap you don't want.

Buddy comedies may be hot these days, but what makes them work is often dependent on the chemistry of the lead characters and a plotline that while moderately conventional, employs some degree of ingenuity in moving the film along.

Instead, Kevin Smith offers poop jokes as usual.

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Tracy Morgan stars in the Kevin Smith comedy Cop Out.

Portman on a high
What is it about Natalie Portman and stoner comedies? Fresh from the Danny McBride period piece, Your Highness (clue's in the title, folks), the 28 year-old actress is in negotiations to produce and star in Best Buds. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Cheadle walks among Finest

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Don Cheadle is curled up on a couch at the Waldorf Astoria. He jokingly makes like he's going start sucking his thumb and pass out as we sit down for an interview about his latest project, a cop-drama Brooklyn's Finest, directed by Antoine Fuqua. Turns out that it's hard to get a good night's sleep at the world's most famous hotel.

Q You look tired. Did you take the red eye in from L.A.?

A I didn't but I'm sure there are ghosts in this hotel. There have to be. Last night, I had to get up and talk to some people who weren't alive. (To the room) Come on you dead famous people, get out of here, man. Give another guy a shot.

Q Speaking of giving another guy a shot, in Brooklyn's Finest you play an undercover cop who befriends a drug lord played by Wesley Snipes. How do you think the movie would've been different if you switched roles?

A I think it still would've been all right, just with a different take on it. We've come from a similar place. He's a theatre dude and I'm a theatre guy. Wesley always says the repertory theatre is what he always thought he'd be doing and that's what I always thought I'd be doing.

Q The NYPD sometimes has a tenuous relationship with the public. What do you think Finest has to say about them?

A If you looked at this movie, you'd go wow, cops are under a lot of stress. They have a lot of s— to deal with. That's kind of where it was — not an indictment per se on the New York Police Department.

Q Finest is a heavy drama. Do you have a preference for comedy or drama?

A I think a lot of people — I don't know why they don't see me that way but I'd love to do more comedies. It's really my first attraction.

Brooklyn's Finest opens next Friday

Don Cheadle plays a cop who befriends a drug lord in the drama Brooklyn's Finest.

Q What was it like working with Antoine Fuqua?

A Great. We had a really good time. He was really collaborative and had a lot of energy and is very almost athletic the way he approaches stuff — real visceral.

Q Of any movie nominated for a Best Picture Oscar this year, which one would you want to have been in?

A Avatar, sure. I think it's one that you would have liked to be in as the end product though doing it probably would be very tedious. With Iron Man 2 doing this motion capture and some other things I had to deal with, it's very tedious.

Q You've been a big advocate for aid in Darfur. With all the recent attention given to Haiti, how do you sustain interest for your own cause?

A It's very hard. People get attention deficit disorder about things in this world where there's blogs and Twitter. Everything's coming at you, fighting for attention in the media space.

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Messenger complex drama

Woody Harrelson has been nominated for a Oscar hot role in The Messenger.

The **Messenger**

Director: Oren Moverman
Stars: Woody Harrelson, Ben Foster, Samantha Morton
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Uniformed army officers appear at a suburban door to break the tragic news about a family member dying in combat.

Before the officers even open their mouths, the family knows what happened. There are tears, anger, and sometimes even violence. The scene is a staple of war dramas and the subject of Oren Moverman's directorial debut The Messenger.

His film is about two casualty notification officers and fortunately Moverman didn't take the easy road and turn the story into a tearful melodrama.

Though undeniably gut-wrenching, The Messenger is primarily a character study that is refreshingly honest, non-judgmental, and surprisingly funny.

Ben Foster stars as a young soldier who recently returned from Iraq with post-traumatic stress disorder in tow.

The actor has appeared in a variety of glossy movies like 30 Days Of Night, but was never really given the opportunity to show his acting ability as he does here.

It's a breakout performance with Foster fully embodying all of the complexities and contradictions of his character.

He's quickly assigned to be a casualty notification officer and is taken under the wing of a recovering alcoholic played by Woody Harrelson (in a deservingly Oscar-nominated role), who has been at the job for far too long. Harrelson warns Foster not to get involved with the families he notifies. But Foster doesn't listen and gradually begins a relationship with a war widow lovingly portrayed by the underrated Samantha Morton.

There are no cloying monologues crying out for Oscar attention. We rarely even see the bereaved families break down, with Moverman's camera aimed squarely on Harrelson and Foster during the notification scenes.

Thankfully the actors are perfectly cast and their roles fully realized.

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Local fare, classic film at Hong Kong festival

LINEUP Hot on the heels of a rare foreign prize for a homegrown production, Hong Kong's main international film festival will shine the spotlight on its native filmmakers, who have been crowded out by the rise of mainland Chinese cinema.

Unveiling the lineup for the 34th Hong Kong International Film Festival, organizers said Thursday the event will kick off with two new romances by local directors — Ivy Ho's Crossing Hennessy and Clara Law's Like a Dream.

Four other Hong Kong filmmakers are included among the 10 movies showcased in the festival's gala premiere section — Heiward Mak's drama Ex, Dante Lam's Fire of Conscience, Pang Ho-cheung's Love in a Puff, and Amphetamine, made by a local director known as Scud.

A prolific producer of stylish action and kung fu flicks in the 1980s and 1990s, Hong Kong's movie industry has been overshadowed by the big-budget historical epics and imperial dramas fuelled by mainland China's booming economy. Hong Kong directors and actors have flocked to mainland productions.

But there has been a recent increase in productions that showcase the unique ambience of this Chinese-ruled former British outpost that blends East and West.

The March 21 to April 6 event will screen some 240 movies from more than 50 countries.

Other key screenings include the Asian premieres of the restored version of Fritz Lang's 1927 science fiction classic Metropolis.

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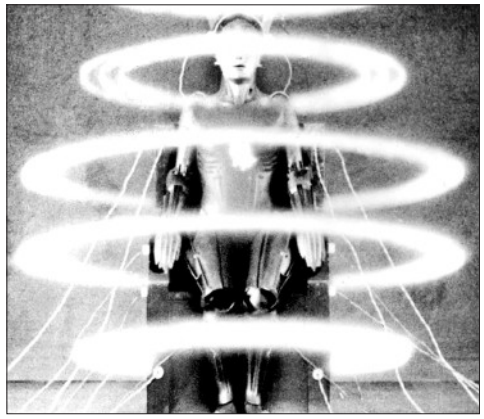

A restored version of Fritz Lang's 1927 classic Metropolis will be screened at the Hong Kong film fest.

Green creates high-anxiety film

STEVE GOW
Metro World News

Adam Green's thriller Frozen creates drama on ice.

FEATURE With his 1944 thriller Lifeboat, legendary auteur Alfred Hitchcock proved that just by setting a group of survivors in a boat at sea for an entire picture, you could create cinematic magic. Filmmaker Adam Green has the same theory about ski resort chair lifts.

"When you first tell people it's about three people who get stranded on a chair, at first they think, 'Well, you can't make a movie out of that,'" explained Green during an interview to promote his new thriller Frozen. "(But) it's the type of thing that strikes a chord with everybody who hears about it. Especially if you've ever skied, you know what that feeling is like when the chair stops — the first thing that goes through your mind is, could I jump from here?"

Simple as it sounds, the premise about a trapped young trio struggling with the elements, issues of acrophobia and a hungry pack of wolves does present a commanding chronicle of high anxiety which Green admits was influenced by the likes of Lifeboat and Steven Spielberg's Jaws.

"You would never want this thrill in real life," said Green, equating the tension to the experience of going on a rollercoaster.

"You want to know what it's like but you want to do it in a way where you know at any moment you can leave or it's going to be over and you're going to be safe — that's sort of the big thing with these (types of) films."

Green isn't shy to credit the courage of his young cast either.

In fact, Green relied on tempered Canadians Shawn Ashmore (X-Men) and Kevin Zegers (Transamerica) after announcing he was going to shoot the film in sub-zero temperatures on a real mountain — a prospect that scared off many young American thespians.

"Guys like Kevin and Shawn realized that this was a chance to be onscreen for 90 minutes where the entire movie rests on their shoulders," said Green.

"Every night they were bringing everything they had to the point that they couldn't physically stand up when they got off that chair, they were so exhausted."

Man of Steel underway
Superman's next big-screen adventure has a new writer and working title. According to online reports, Batman Begins co-writer David Goyer will pen the screenplay for a film titled The Man Of Steel. IMDB.COM

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The Crazies a bloody good show

Timothy Olyphant and Radha Mitchell are up against a deadly plague that turns people into killers in The Crazies.

The Crazies
Director: Breck Eisner
Stars: Timothy Olyphant, Radha Mitchell
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

The Crazies — director Breck Eisner's intense remake of George A. Romero's same named 1973 thriller — is not a zombie film.

Sure, it deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of Dawn of the Dead guru Romero's name.

But the fiends in The Crazies are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh. Even at their most vile, they retain a semblance of their humanity and it's that touch that gives this elegantly constructed shocker its soul.

The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant (mining his iron jawed lawman character from HBO's Deadwood) as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie" (Romero's original film is also known under the title Code Name: Trixie).

Said virus drives its victims to engage in their basest, most hostile impulses while their bodies ooze and bleed out. It ain't pretty, nor is it meant to be.

Although The Crazies has its fair share of armrest shredding shocks, it's the relationship between Olyphant and his possibly infected wife (played by the chisel faced Australian beauty Radha Mitchell) that keeps you watching and engaged.

The dynamic turns from the two leads are matched by Eisner's effective and unpretentious directing, Mark Isham's rumbly but unobtrusive score and most impressively, Maxime Alexandre's absolutely splendid cinematography.

It's clear the director is as concerned with mood and textural beauty as he is with glistening viscera, charred corpses or stray bone saws.

As in the work of Romero, there's a dose of social criticism simmering on the sidelines and ultimately — outside of a few sloppy jump scare cheats — The Crazies is a smart, sophisticated and refreshingly serious minded horror film made by adults for adults.

Movie morsels

Shutter island
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REVIEW For years, Martin Scorsese has admitted his desire to have worked in old Hollywood; when directors were hired hands who nimbly changed subjects and genres from film to film. Shutter Island sees the director slipping into this mode, taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture. If he weren't such a talented personal filmmaker, this guy would be one hell of journeyman director. Shutter Island stars Leonardo DiCaprio in his fourth consecutive collaboration with Scorsese. Despite a wonky accent, it's one of DiCaprio's finest hours as an actor, even though multiple viewings are necessary to appreciate all the levels of his performance.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

Valentine's Day
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REVIEW For his new romantic omnibus Valentine's Day, director Garry Marshall brings together an overwhelmingly impressive cast, including Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Anne Hathaway, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Patrick Dempsey, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Alba, Topher Grace, Shirley MacLaine, Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner. It's an embarrassment of A-list riches. But so many big stars playing so many characters with so many Valentine's Day-related issues to work out makes the movie feel more than a little crowded.

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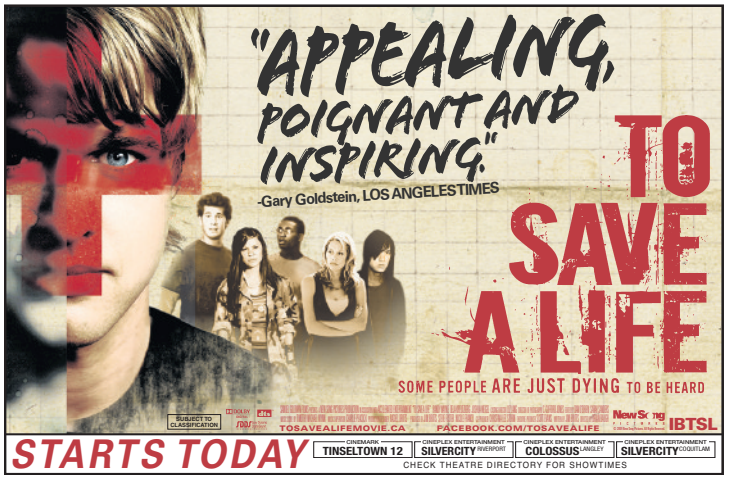

Cage, Reynolds sign up for The Croods

Nicholas Cage, left, and Canadian Ryan Reynolds have signed on to provide the main voices for DreamWorks new caveman comedy The Croods. IMDB.COM

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Alice premieres in pouring rain

LONDON Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and other stars of Tim Burton's fantasy 3D film Alice in Wonderland braved pouring rain to attend the movie's London premiere Thursday.

The stars were joined by director Burton, Anne Hathaway and hundreds of screaming fans who turned up for the event in central London's Leicester Square despite a steady downpour.

The premiere came after British movie theatre chain Odeon said it had resolved a dispute with Walt Disney Pictures about the release date for the DVD version. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Like The Crazies, 28 Days Later (pictured) delves deep into the bio-thriller genre.

What's plaguing films?

This weekend's The Crazies, a remake of a 1973 George A. Romero film, is one of those "everyone we know is dead" movies.

It's the story of a virus that turns the inhabitants of a sleepy Norman Rockwell town into koo-koo bananas killers. In this age of big diseases with little names — AIDS, SARS — and deadly airborne germs like swine flu, bacteriological horror movies have some resonance, but they're nothing new.

In recent years 28 Days Later — which is kind of like The Crazies with English accents — and the Ebola-esque Outbreak have used airborne illness as a starting point for their medical mayhem, but without The Andromeda Strain, The Cassandra Crossing or the intense vision of Panic in the Streets, those movies may not have existed.

Written by Michael Crichton when he was still a medical student, The Andromeda Strain sees an outer space biotoxin destroy a small town in New Mexico.

Directed by Robert Wise — also helmer of The Day the Earth Stood Still and The Sound of Music — the movie mixes standard sci fi with credible medical theory and contains eerie lines like,

"Most of them died instantly. A few had time to go quietly nuts."

More down to earth is The Cassandra Crossing, a big budget disease- on-a-train flick. This time it's not an extra-terrestrial virus, but a plague contaminated terrorist starting all the trouble. Structured like a Love Boat episode, with an all star cast that mixes and matches Sophia Loren with OJ Simpson, it has none of Andromeda's serious edge but for sheer cheesy fun it can't be beat.

Predating all of them was Panic in the Streets, a low-budget film noir set in 1950s New Orleans. In it a doctor and policeman (Richard Widmark and Paul Douglas) have just 48 hours to track down an illegal immigrant infected with pneumonic plague and stop a possible eruption of Black Plague.

Made during the Cold War, the rapid spread of the infection plays like a paranoid metaphor for the proliferation of Communist ideology.

Despite this subtext director Elia Kazan said: "This isn't very deep. It has other virtues. It has lightness of foot, it has surprise, it has suspense, it's engaging."

Next to jump on the bio-thriller bandwagon will be Steven Soderbergh who is set to team with Matt Damon and Kate Winslet in Contagion, a thriller focused on the threat posed by a deadly disease.

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Down and out in China

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

The idea that cinema represents an escape from reality receives a necessary antidote in the form of Last Train Home, a Canadian documentary that follows three years in the lives of a family of Chinese migrant workers struggling to remain together as the country's infrastructure serves to pull them apart.

"It's a sad reality of how the country is run," says director Lixin Fan.

"In China, there's a famous saying which is difficult to translate but which means 'make some of the people rich first, and the rest will follow.'

"It's trickle-down economics. So you have people working 14 hours a day at a sewing machine, sending money home to their children, who they never see, and who resent them as a result."

Last Train Home opens next Friday

This sense of resentment is embodied in the film by 17-year-old Zhang Quin, whose frustration at seeing her parents only once a year — during their annual 50-hour trek from their workplace to their rural home — boils over in a series of uncomfortably raw confrontations captured at close proximity.

"It's not a common experience for people to have a camera following them around for three years," says Fan. "I told them that the film wasn't just about them, but a topic that's larger than all of them. At the same time, I 'don't do anything that you don't want to do.'"

Fan's attempt to maintain an ethical position behind the camera is complemented by his keen directorial eye. Despite having been shot with a single camera under difficult conditions, Last Train Home is visually stunning.

"You have people working 14 hours a day at a sewing machine, sending money home to their children, who they never see, and who resent them as a result." "
Last Train Home director Lixin Fan

The question is whether such a timely, accomplished documentary will ever screen commercially in China.

"It played at a documentary festival there last year," says Fan.

"The audience was very young, a lot of university students, many of whom had had similar experiences. One boy stood up and told me he had been crying for the entire screening. I hope we can put the film in the Chinese theatre chains, but we would be considered an 'import' film and they only take so many foreign films. So we would be competing with Avatar.'"

Last Train Home explores the lives of Chinese migrant workers.

Screen Times

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VANCOUVER

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 7:15

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Crazy Heart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:6-50-9:15
The Last Station (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:10-7:05-9:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 1:3-5:0-6:45-9:35
Up in the Air (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:30-7:15-9:40 Mon 2-4:30-9:40 Tue-Wed 2-4:30-7:15-9:40 Thu 2-4:30-9:40
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:30

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:05
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-7:05-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:25
Half the Sky (STC) No Passes Thu 7:30
It's Complicated (PG) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-6:50 Mon-Tue 5:40 Thu 5:40
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 9:25 Sat-Sun 4:05-9:25 Mon-Tue 8:15 Thu 8:15
The Princess Bride (STC) Fri 7
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:30 Mon-Wed 5:20-8:10
A Single Man (PG) Fri 9:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:20
Up in the Air (PG) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:30
When in Rome (G) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:35

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Nine (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
Pirate Radio (PG) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 3:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 9:40

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Cop Out (14A) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 7:15-10 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10 DTS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-8
Shutter Island (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7:10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:8:15
Valentine's Day (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:50-9:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:45 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8:30

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

The Adjuster (STC) Mon 7-9
Carcasses (STC) Wed 8:50
Crackie (STC) Wed 7
The Death of Mr. Lazarescu (STC) Sat 6:30 Sun 8:45
La Donation (STC) Thu 8:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Polytechnique (14A) Thu 7
Silent Light (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat 9:20
Tropical Malady (STC) Fri 9:25 Sun-Mon 6:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 3:45-7:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 4-7 Sat 1-3-7 Sun 7 Mon-Thu 4-7
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Sat 8:50 Sun 4-8:50 Mon-Thu 8:50
Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Game Live (STC) Sun 12:15

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

A Clockwork Orange (STC) Fri 12
Closing Ceremony (STC) Sun
The Crazies (18A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat 4:30-7-9:30 Sun-Thu 7-9:30
Olympic Gold Medal Hockey Game Live (STC) Sun 12
The Warriors (STC) Fri

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 11:45-1:30-3:20-5:30-7-9:30-10:30 Mon 11:45-1:30-3:20-7-9:30-10:30 Tue 11:45-1:30-3:20-5:30-7-9:30-10:30 Wed-Thu 11:45-1:30-3:20-7-9:30-10:30
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:30-9:20
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7:30-10:15
The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010: Animated (STC) Thu 7
The Oscar Nominated Short Films 2010: Live Action (STC) Mon 7
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-6:40-9:40
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-12:30-3:30-3:50-6:50-7:20-10:10-10:40
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 1-1:20-4:10-4:30-7:10-7:40-9:50-10:20

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (G) No Passes Sat-Sun 1
Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-2:25-3:40-5-6:15-7:30-8:50-10:10
The Crazies (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-3-4:15-5:30-6:45-8-9:15-10:30
Defendor (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:35
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:25
The Last Station (14A) Fri-Tue 2:05-4:55-7:35-10:15 Wed 2:05-4:55-10:15 Thu 2:05-4:55-7:35-10:15
The Messenger (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:10-9:40
My Name Is Khan (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:35-8:05
To Save a Life (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-3:45-7:20 No Passes Wed 1-3:45 No Passes Thu 1-3:45-7:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 2:45-5:35-8:25-10:20 Fri 1:20-4:10-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 4:10-7-9:50 Mon 1:20-4:10-9:50 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film
vifc.org

No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Thu
Slovak Representative House (STC) Fri-Sun

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Dear John (PG) Fri 7-9:10 Sat 4:50-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (G) No Passes Sat-Sun 2
Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri 7:05-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7:05-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:05-9:50
Dear John (PG) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 4:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Wed 7:20-10:05 Thu 10:05
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 6:50-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-1-3:40-4:10-6:50-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-8-10
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri 6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:20-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:50
The Crazies (18A) Fri 7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
Crazy Heart (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:30 Wed 9:30 Thu 6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 10
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To Save a Life (STC) Fri-Wed 12:05-3:50-7:15-10:30 Thu 3:50-7:15-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:40-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 11:30-3-7:10-10:10 Fri-Thu 6:30-9:30
When in Rome (G) Fri-Wed 1:25-4:10-7:40-10:30 Thu 4:10-7:40-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:15-9:55

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Sat-Sun 2-4
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 7-9:20

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 11:30-11:45-3-3:15-6:40-7-10:10-10:25
Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-6:50-9:50
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:30-10:15
Dear John (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-4-6:55-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:40-4-9:45
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:35-9:40
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:15-10:30
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:10-4:35-7:10-9:35
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:45-10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:25-10:20

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Legion (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
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Vinnai Thaandi Varuvayaa (STC) Fri 4:35-8:35 Sat 1-4:35-8:35 Sun 2-7 Mon-Thu 4-7:35
When in Rome (G) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri 4:35-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:40-4:35-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:35-7:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
The Crazies (18A) Fri 4:25-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:35-4:25-7:15-9:45 Sun 1:35-4:25-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15
Dear John (PG) Fri 4:30-7 Sat 1:25-4:30-7 Sun 1:25-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri 4:15-6:55-9:40 Sat 1:20-4:15-6:55-9:40 Sun 1:20-4:15-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:05-10 No Passes Sat 1:15-4:10-7:05-10 No Passes Sun 1:15-4:10-7:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:55 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:55 Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sat 9:35 Sun-Thu 7

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 11:35-1:30-3:15-5:30-6:55-9:30-10:30
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (14A) Fri-Wed 11:30-3-6:30-10
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-9:45
Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55-7:20-10:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:25
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The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:15-9:55

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

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Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-2-3:45-6:15-7:45-10
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Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:3-5:0-6:55-9:55
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:55-7:30-10-10:45
When in Rome (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-9:50 Mon 1:25-4:25-9:55 Tue-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-9:55
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:50-9:40

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
The Spy Next Door (PG) Sat-Sun 1:30
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 4:30-6:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30
The Blind Side (PG) Sat 12
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 8:20
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 6:55
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 8:55
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri 6:30-8:55 Sat-Sun 12-6:30-8:55 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:55
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Avatar 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:10:30
Cop Out (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:30-4:40-7:25-10:15 No Passes Wed 4:40-7:25-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:40-7:25-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-7:30-10:05
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 9:50 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:45-9:50
Karthik Calling Karthik (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:05-10:20
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-1-4:20-4:50-8-9
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Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:25
Sukhmani - Hope for Life (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:50-9:55
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-6:55
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:05-7:10-10:10
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 9:45

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
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Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:05-7:20-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:35
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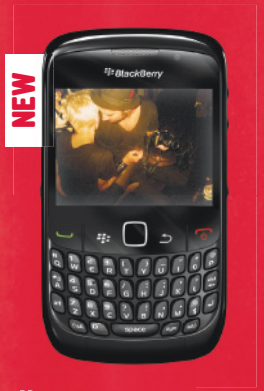

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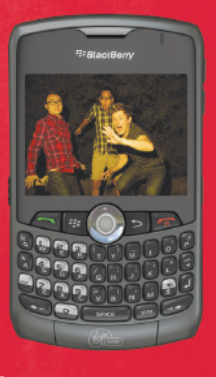

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The Billboard 200

1. Soldier of Love, Sade, left; 2. Recollection, k.d. lang; 3. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga; 4. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 5. American VI: Ain't No Grave, Johnny Cash. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

McCann switches gears and diapers

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Everyone prepares for the birth of children differently.

When getting ready for fatherhood, Newfoundland-based singer Séan McCann drew on 17 years of partying with his band Great Big Sea.

While in many ways the two lifestyles couldn't be further apart, in his new album Lullabies for Bloodshot Eyes, McCann explores some parallels. For example, Hold Me Steady, which was written by his friend, fellow Newfoundland singer-songwriter Rick Hartley, draws comparisons between nursing infants and nursing inebriated friends.

"I've spent a lot of time engaging with drunk people," explained McCann. "And when you have two, three, four year olds, they are like little people running around drunk: they're falling down, stumbling, making bad decisions — and need to be held steady."

Of course, the arrival of children dramatically changed McCann's lifestyle. Bookended with lullabies to Finnegan and Keegan, his album reflects on this transition from late-night parties to early morning nappy changes. But some things remain the same: McCann's spent much of the past three decades up all night, and with two infant sons around, that probably won't change.

"I've had a full life, and a large majority of it was spent living in bars, which is the exact opposite of what I'm doing now, which is delivering milk to babies," he said. "(But) the night's energizing action is still there — in the darkness, things come to light for me. When it's two or three a.m., and I'm up with Finnegan, that's when I write songs."

As McCann's life has become busier, it's also more productive. He says his output has quadrupled since Finnegan was born. He re-recorded all the vocals on the 16 tracks he wrote and performed for the album, and produced it himself. He's even become more productive in his love life, as told in the ska-inflected Lazy Lover, a song McCann recorded with members of Idlers, an 11-piece reggae band from St. John's.

"I always had the luxury of having a lot of time to indulge in my art — but not as much as I did before ... Now I have less time to get more done," he said.

Lullabies for Bloodshot Eyes is the new solo album from Great Big Sea's Séan McCann.

Olympic stage

- Séan McCann performs with Great Big Sea tonight at BC Place as part of the Vancouver Victory Ceremonies.

Zeus takes the stage

Jason Collett backup band hailed as the next big thing

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

The history of rock music is littered with backup bands. Some you've never heard of, but others, like The Band (Bob Dylan) and The Eagles (Linda Ronstadt), are at least as famous as the acts they supported.

While Zeus still have a while to go before they reach Hotel California status, they've already stepped out of their employer's shadow.

For the last couple of years, the Toronto-based foursome has been Jason Collett's backup band, providing the tight, indie pop spine to the singer's Dylan-inspired tunes.

The partnership has been a fruitful one — Collett's never sounded better, while Zeus was able to learn a few things without the pressure of releasing their own albums. "Jason was a real inspiration for arranging," says Carlin Nicholson, the band's bassist and co-founder. "He's got this I don't give a s— style that I love."

Not only did the group play with Collett, they recorded with him too, acting as producers on his latest record Rat a Tat Tat. It was natural to work with him in that capacity too — they already know how the Broken Social Scene member ticks, so they didn't do as much arranging as they normally do when they produce other musicians.

"A lot of trust has built up over the years with Jason," Nicholson explains. "We'd just add harmonies and produce his esthetic. We know what he likes."

It was eventual that the group would record their own music — the members had released albums with other acts — and after Collett played some of their tunes to his label, Arts & Crafts, the stage was set for the band's full-length debut.

Say Us is a retro pop album, taking cues mostly from classic Brit-rock. The album is replete with bouncy melodies, fuzzy distortion and '60s sounds, packaged together to feel a lot like a slick Arts & Crafts act.

They're already being hailed as the next big Canadian act, and that's a good thing for Nicholson, who's got no plan B if the music gig doesn't pan out.

"I always assumed things would eventually happen," he says. "Anything I do with my time that doesn't have to do with I want to be doing in 10 years time — whether it's playing or recording — is counter productive."

Fortunately, it's likely he'll always be able to be a backup band. Even if they do make it big, the group has no plans to abandon their job with Collett.

"We're going to continue to do that," he says. "There are no conflicts there, even though Jay is our buddy, our manager and our boss."

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Zeus live

- Zeus plays with Jason Collett & Bahamas March 26 at the Biltmore Cabaret.

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No suspects
Helen Mirren's star turn in Prime Suspect is turning out to be a hard act to follow. Production on the pilot for a U.S. remake has been pushed back by NBC because of difficulties casting the lead role, according to The Hollywood Reporter. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Cooking up some good TV

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Bacon may be the "in" thing in 2010 cuisine, but that doesn't stop the co-host of What's Cooking from being a little skeptical of some trendier pork-related items.

"Bacon-flavored ice cream is one you hear of these days. And chocolate-covered bacon. I can't wrap my head around that," says Jack Hourigan, the resident "everyday cook" of the Citytv food series.

"But maybe it's like the first guy who tried lobster."

Hourigan — who has hosted several lifestyle and cooking series on both sides of the border — has seen a few food trends come and go over the years. Still, she never saw herself as a cook. In fact, she got her start as an actress and a member of Cleveland's Second City comedy troupe.

What's Cooking airs Saturday nights on Citytv

PHOTO PROVIDED

Jack Hourigan (second from left) and What's Cooking's cast.

"Someone who had seen me in Second City asked me if I'd be interested in doing a Food Network show. I thought it was a joke by one of my Second City friends."

In that earlier Food Network USA series — How To Boil Water — Hourigan was the naïve sidekick to expert chefs who helped her prepare some of the most delicious food in the world.

"Here were all these greatest chefs who literally taught me on the air how to cook. Now, with What's Cooking, I know my way around."

As for 2010 trends beyond bacon, Hourigan cites quinoa as a trendy, gluten-free South American replacement for rice and pasta.

"It's a pseudo-grain. Sort of an alternative to rice that's quite tasty and nutritious."

"I hadn't cooked with it before. But I tried it at Christmas on my in-laws and it worked out."

TORONTO STAR

What's Cooking Confetti Quinoa Salad

PREP TIME: 5 min
COOKING TIME: 55 min
MAKES: 8 servings, 3/4 cup (175 mL) each.

WHAT YOU NEED:
2 cups 25%-less-sodium chicken broth
1 cup quinoa, uncooked
1 cup cooked fresh corn
1 each green, yellow and red pepper, chopped
1/3 cup Kraft Signature Mandarin Orange with Sesame Dressing
1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley
1/4 cup Back to Nature Sea Salt Roasted Almonds, coarsely chopped

PREPARATION:
1. Bring broth and quinoa to boil in saucepan on high heat; simmer on medium-low 15 min. or until liquid is absorbed. Spoon into large bowl; cool.
2. Add all remaining ingredients except nuts; mix lightly.
3. Top with nuts.

NUTRITIONAL INFO
Calories 170
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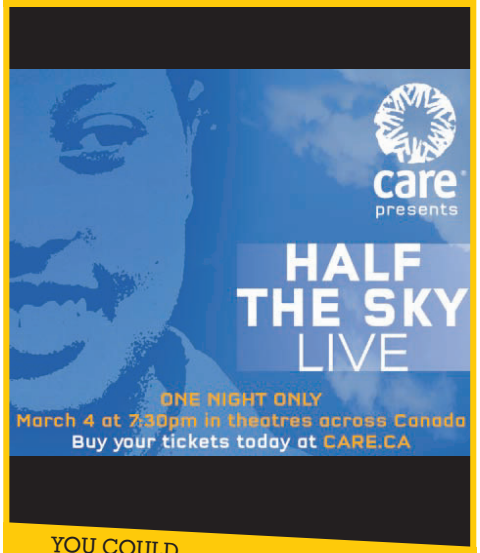

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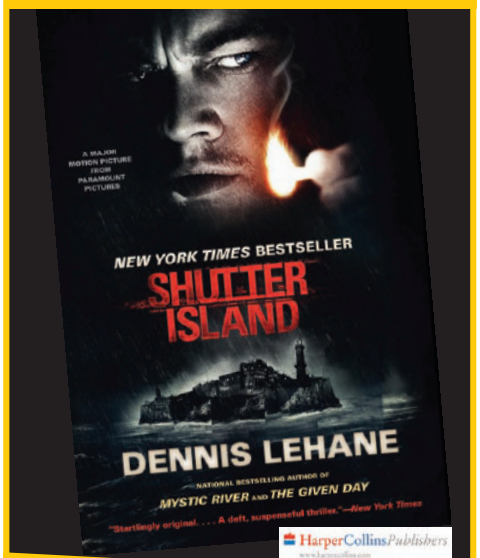

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Ravin excited to be Lost again

Lost star Emilie de Ravin says she's excited to be back as a series regular on the final season of the sci-fi smash.

She says it's been especially challenging now that her character, the young mother Claire, has suddenly emerged as a violent and unpredictable force on the show, about a plane-load of castaways marooned on a strange island.

The Australian actress was written out of the previous season when most of the characters escaped the island for three years, leaving Claire behind.

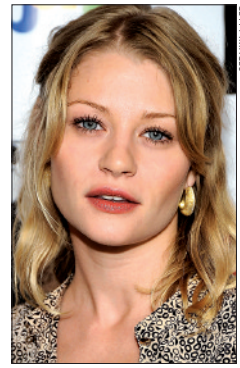
During a stop in Toronto to promote an upcoming film, de Ravin says Claire has been through a lot since viewers last saw her, and has had to rely on a reincarnated Locke as her only friend in the jungle.

De Ravin says Claire's only focus has been on finding her son Aaron, and that's built up a lot of frustration and anger, which emerges in violent and unpredictable ways.

She says she still has several weeks of shooting left on the show, and is as mystified as fans are as to how things will wrap up.

"It's been really fun this season because not only can I still play sort of the old Claire, or the original Claire in flashes, but … three years has taken a bit of a toll on (new) Claire and she's a little different right now," de Ravin said Thursday while in town to promote her upcoming film, Remember Me.

The latest episode was full of surprise revelations involving a gun-toting, wild-haired Claire and the other castaways. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Emile de Ravin, or Claire.

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primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		City-lan
	250	321	9 CTV	(3:00) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live) (CC)								CTV News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Madison"		Shark Tank (CC)		NUMB3RS "7 Men Out"		News
	256	389	12 VI	TMZ (N)	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Medium (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries		Glenn Martin	Glenn Martin	Mantracker "Buck & RJ"		Dark Blue "Shot in the Dark"		EP Daily
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville Lois is kidnapped.		Smallville "Crossfire" (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		Medium (CC)		NUMB3RS "7 Men Out"		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Olympic Zone	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Skiing, Bobsled. (Same-day Tape) (CC)						
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Blades of Glory ★★★ (2007) Will Ferrell. Premiere. (CC)				20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	The 41st NAACP Image Awards Honoring people of color.				News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	23 NW	Carbon Hunters (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Carbon Hunters (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
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	268	354	5 KNO	Landscape Revealed		Poirot (N) (CC)		Dalziel and Pascoe (CC)		Dying at Grace ★★ (2003) (CC)		
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	252	336	11 GTV	Last Soldier	Jane Show	Voices (2007, Suspense) Amy Acker. (CC)				Love-Death	G-Spot (CC)	News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
	253	359	13 CITY	Cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	Eighteen (2004) Brendan Fletcher, Carly Pope. (CC) (DVS)				Crusoe
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	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Olympic Zone	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Snowboarding, Skiing, Bobsled. (Same-day Tape)						KING 5 News
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	555	545	50 TEL	Dennis the Menace Strikes Again ★★			Johnny Test	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders "The Glitch" Midsomer University. (N)				Dying
	575	583	20 CMT	Live at the Jubilee		The Show	Talkin' 'Bout	Gilmore Girls (CC)		Gilmore Girls (CC)		Cheerleaders
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	616	522	35 SHO	Slings and Arrows (CC)		Unthinkable (2007, Suspense) Michelle Forbes. (CC)				Batman Begins ★★★ (2005, Action) (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	Meet-Browns	Meet, Browns	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	The Wood ★★ (1999) (CC)	
	603	561	52 FN	Top Chef Masters (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		River Cott		Chopped "Winging It" (CC)		Top Chef
	-	-	53 AMC	(5:00) Forrest Gump ★★★		Forrest Gump ★★★ (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise.						Silverado
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:05) RocknRolla ★★ (CC)		The Ugly Truth ★ (2009) Katherine Heigl.			(:35) Mad Money ★★ (2008) Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah.			
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	250	321	9 CTV	(5:00) XXI Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony. From Vancouver, B.C. (Live) (CC)								CTV News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9-Picture	Family	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer Dad	(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	Cold Case "Two Weddings"		The Amazing Race 16 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		Undercover Boss (N) (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Glenn Martin	Marriage Ref	Extreme Makeover: Home		Murder 19C: Detective Murdoch Mysteries -- Dying				Crusoe
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: NY (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 16 (N)		Undercover Boss (N) (CC)		Cold Case "Two Weddings"		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	XXI Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony. From Vancouver, B.C. (Same-day Tape) (CC)							Marriage Ref	KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	'Til Death (N)	'Til Death (N)	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	Sex Slaves Sex trade in Europe and its ties to Canada.				CBC News: The National		Sex Slaves (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
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	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		The Royal "Dead Air" (N)		Prime Suspect The investigation is complicated. (N) (CC)				Beautiful
	575	583	20 CMT	One on One-Reba McEntire		Star Crossed	Star Crossed	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Funniest Home Videos		Hope & Faith
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "Birthright"		Criminal Minds "3rd Life"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
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	603	561	52 FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Jamie's Chef (CC)		Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	53 AMC	League	Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life ★★ (2003) Angelina Jolie.					Escape From L.A. ★★ (1996) Kurt Russell.		
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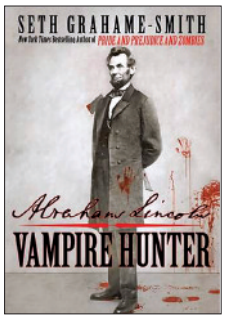
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	1 girl 5 gays	Movie Night	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Model

O'Brien Tweets about return
More than a month after exiting The Tonight Show, Conan O'Brien returned to the spotlight — with the debut of his Twitter account. "Today I interviewed a squirrel in my backyard and then threw to commercial," he Tweeted. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter

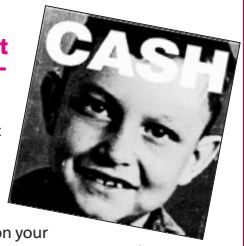


BOOK The blood thirst continues. Grahame-Smith, author of Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, dips his literary fangs into American history to come up with a faux biography of the U.S. president. The premise? A lost Lincoln diary showing that his mother was actually killed by vampires when he was a boy and that his secret life mission was to eliminate all vampires.

2 Dimitri The Lover movie trailer

VIDEO If you asked a woman, Dimitri The Lover might just be Toronto's most disgusting man. The self-proclaimed seductionist has offended many over the years and he might just do it again — on film this time. The trailer for the documentary is already generating online buzz, and the fact that Borat producer Brad Goodman is behind the project is adding fuel to the fire.

3 American VI: Ain't No Grave by Johnny Cash



ALBUM Recorded a few months before the music legend's death in 2003, this (reportedly) final instalment of the American series could be the voice of a prophet or a frail, old man's final words, depending on your level of Cash mania. But one thing you can't argue — the sombre mix of covers and originals will be in the running for 'album of the year' when 2010 kicks the can.

4 Winter Olympics final days

EVENT Own the podium? Get over it. Instead, simply soak in the most exciting thing to have happened in Canada in the last couple of decades before it wraps up Sunday. The Olympics air live everyday on CTV.

5 Where The Wild Things Are

DVD Most expected a cute story based on the bestselling children's book. Instead, they got a complex meditation on the nature of unbridled innocence. If you want Home Alone, don't rent this. But if you are ready to give director Spike Jonze's stunning visuals and soaring imagination a chance, you are guaranteed some wicked fun.

6 The Messenger

FILM This could have been one big tearjerker. Thankfully, director Oren Moverman steers clear of clichés in this drama about a pair of army officers who deliver the bad news to families of dead soldiers. Woody Harrelson's best actor Oscar nomination is well deserved and his performance is proof that he's not a spent veteran, no matter what people say. In limited release but will expand shortly.

7 The Bachelor Season Finale

TV After one of the most exciting and scandalous seasons of The Bachelor, the question: "Who will Jake pick?" will finally be answered Monday. Airs on Citytv and ABC.

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Mix of Six

Girl Talk
When: Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Where: LiveCity Yaletown
Pittsburgh band Girl Talk rocks David Lam Park for what is expected to attract large crowds following big events for Canada's short track and hockey teams.

The Stills
When: Saturday, 10:15 p.m.
Where: Richmond O Zone
Major Canadian band from Montréal, The Stills, play the main stage where they will rock their version of old-style '80s rock. Wonderbolt Circus will open for The Stills at 3:30 p.m. Gates open at noon.

Tokyo Police Club
When: Friday, 9:45 p.m.
Where: Richmond O Zone
Internationally recognised Canadian rock band Tokyo Police Club take to the main stage to close out the night. Gates open at 3 p.m. for the show.

Alfa Rococo
When: Friday, 10:30
Where: LiveCity Downtown
After a day of Olypic events on the big screen, Quebec band Alfa Rococo performs at the LiveCity downtown stage in a late show.

Blue Rodeo
When: Saturday, 9:30 p.m.
Where: LiveCity Yaletown
Legendary Canadian band Blue Rodeo is expected to draw huge crowds at the family site. They hit the stage following the men's four-man bobsled finals.

Mimosa
When: Saturday, 11 p.m.
Where: LiveCity Downtown
Vancouver's own Mimosa is the featured band. Audiences will hear a mix of sambas, jazz, French chanson and cabaret, performed by the four-person group.

Paris commerical sparks outcry

Paris Hilton

CONTROVERSY Paris Hilton is giving blondes a bad name. So says Brazil's Secretariat for Women's Affairs, which wants a sultry beer commercial starring the hotel heiress, model and actor off the air.

The ad features Hilton in a short black dress preening and rubbing a can of Devassa beer on herself, to the delight of onlookers watching through her window.

The commercial isn't very explicit — especially in a land where postage-stamp-size bikinis are ubiquitous. But Brazil's regulations say beer commercials cannot treat women as overtly sensual objects.

"It's an ad that devalues women — in particular, blond women," according to a spokeswoman for the Women's Secretariat who said it received numerous complaints.

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American Idol judges jeer male semifinalists' performances

TV Tim Urban tripped up his second shot at American Idol fame.

The shaggy-haired 20-year-old singer, who served as a last-minute replacement for 25-year-old shoe salesman Chris Golightly in the top 24 semifinalists, was derided by the Fox singing contest's judges for his screechy rendition of OneRepublic's Apologize during Wednesday's episode featuring performances from the top 12 male semifinalists.

"We absolutely made the right decision the first time around by not putting you through based on that performance," proclaimed Simon Cowell.

Urban, a college student from Duncanville, Texas, wasn't alone. The panel didn't praise the retro style of 20-year-old college student Tyler Grady from Nazareth, Pa., on The Guess Who's American Woman. They also weren't down with the acoustic take on Fall Out Boy's Sugar We're Going Down from 24-year-old father Andrew Garcia of Moreno Valley, Calif.

"It was too serious, too indulgent and not original enough," said a particularly ruthless Cowell.

"You never want to take a song and completely obliterate it."
Simon Cowell, American Idol judge

Other chastised crooners included 24-year-old theatre actor Todrick Hall from Arlington, Texas, and 21-year-old college student John Park from Evanston, Ill. The judging panel was put off by Park's performance of Billie Holiday's God Bless The Child and admonished Hall for his transformative take on Idol winner Kelly Clarkson's Since U Been Gone.

"You never want to take a song and completely obliterate it," warned Randy Jackson.

The criticism also extended to chirpy 19-year-old high school student Alex Lambert from North Richland Hills, Texas. Cowell deemed Lambert's rendition of James Morrison's Wonderful World as the "most uncomfortable performance of the night." The insults weren't limited to tunes. Ellen DeGeneres playfully teased Lambert for keeping his "mullet" hairdo.

"If it's uncomfortable for you, it's uncomfortable for people watching," Cowell advised Lambert.

Perhaps the only contestant Cowell championed Wednesday was low-key 23-year-old paint sales clerk Lee Dewyze from Mount Prospect, Ill. The tough-as-nails judge attested to fighting for Dewyze, who stumbled through Snow Patrol's Chasing Cars. Cowell called it "the best performance by a mile," but Jackson decided the performance was "too rangey for me."

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American Idol contestants, clockwise from top center, Jermaine Sellers, Michael Lynche, Joe Munoz, Aaron Kelly, Lee Dewyze and Tim Urban pose together before the American Idol Top 24 finalist party.

Locking down the rumours

Jeremy Renner has brushed off rumours he's dating newly-single actress Charlize Theron, admitting they're just as friends. He tells People magazine, "I can go hang out with her and play her piano and sip scotch." METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Get a small child for big PR

WORKS FOR ANGELINA AND BRAD John Mayer has been losing friends right and left this month, following a controversial interview in Playboy wherein the singer graphically discusses Jessica Simpson, Jennifer Aniston and his "white supremacist" private parts, popeater.ca reports.

What better way to regain fans' love than with the help of an 11-year-old boy?

New Jersey sixth-grader Austin Christy attended John's Sunday night concert in Philadelphia with a sign reading "Can I play Belief with you?" When Mayer spotted Christy in the crowd, he invited the youngster onstage to do just that, reports CourierPostOnline.com.

Christy played for a crowd of roughly 25,000 fans and left with a guitar signed by the rocker himself, reading, "To Austin, you rock. Keep playing. See you at your show."

"I was really excited. I was thinking that it wasn't real," Christy said after the show, adding that he's a fan of Mayer because "his music is different than all the other artists. A lot of them are R&B and hip-hop. He's like a combination of pop and blues."

Christy's mother wrote a note to John's management team, which read, "John made an 11-year-old's dream come true. John gave him the guitar after the show and we needed security to get out of the stadium."

Mayer, who has been uncharacteristically absent from Twitter since his Playboy debacle, posted a new message after the show, "8 out of 8 band members agree, Philly is always an awesome show. XO J."

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Home is where the heart is

NOT NECESSARILY WHERE YOUR HUSBAND IS, IT SEEMS After months of public scrutiny after news of her husband's infidelity broke, Tiger Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, is returning to Orlando with their children, popeater.ca reports.

Radar Online reports that after flying to Arizona last week with her husband and children, Nordegren is planning to return home to Florida in the next few days.

Woods is reportedly staying in Arizona to complete treatment for sex addiction.

Nordegren, who has worked as a model in the past, has been keeping a low profile, despite the media frenzy surrounding her husband's cheating scandal.

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Has Matthew lost his way?

NAH. THIS FOXY LADY'S STORY SCREAMS ATTENTION SEEKER A stripper in Bend, Ore., claims she had an affair with Matthew Fox, sleeping with the married Lost star twice in the last year, she tells In Touch Weekly.

"He didn't tell me to keep it a secret or anything. He didn't even use protection. He didn't seem concerned at all," Stefani Talbott tells the magazine, recounting how she first met the actor when he patronized the club where she dances.

"He absolutely did not mention a wife or family, and I don't remember him wearing a wedding ring."

Fox's rep denies Talbott's story, saying, "These allegations are false."

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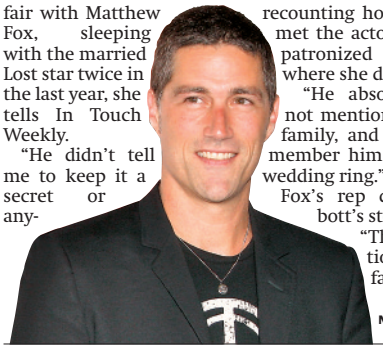

Interviewed by his ex on air

WELL, DOESN'T THAT SOUND FUN? Simon Cowell's ex-girlfriend has met-up with his new lover, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

TV presenter Terri Seymour proved there are no hard feelings between herself and the music mogul — who she dated for six years until November 2008 — when she greeted him and Meghan Hussainy with a "friendly" embrace.

"Terri was not going to play the part of the bitter ex — she is genuinely fond of them and wishes them well as a couple," an insider revealed.

"It was pretty awkward, but Terri and Simon are still great friends and there are no hard feelings."

The meeting came about when Seymour had to interview Cowell about his new love live on Extra.

Quizzing him on whether he planned to start a family with the Afghan-born beauty, the 50-year-old music mogul joked, "I'm thinking about getting a pet — a squirrel, ha, ha!"

The American Idol judge is believed to have proposed on Valentine's Day.

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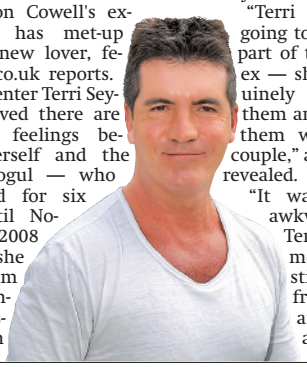

Brothers are boiling over

IT'S SWEET THAT THEY WANT TO PROTECT HER ... AND NOT HER MILLIONS Susan Boyle's brothers are worried about her well-being, insisting the singer needs more extensive care and supervision thanks to her hectic schedule and fame.

"The traveling and the whole thing is exhausting. She still has her anxieties and her loneliness," Gerry Boyle tells People magazine.

Other brother John Boyle agrees, adding, "She needs 24-hour care. She needs to be looked after."

Susan has been hospitalized more than once for exhaustion and anxiety since becoming a sensation a year ago, and her home was recently broken into.

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Madonna's baby Jesus certainly is one big baby

OH, JUST GOT THE WEIRD INCESTUAL BIBLICAL REFERENCE GOING ON HERE Jesus Luz, Madonna's Brazilian model boyfriend, isn't having the easiest time getting his DJ career off the ground.

Luz was spinning at a party in Rio de Janeiro recently when a guest reportedly walked up and threw beer in his face, shouting, "Get out of here, I don't want to see your face here anymore," according to iG Gente magazine.

Sources say Luz went to a corner and started to cry, and he wouldn't return to the turntables until he was flanked by four security guards.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

ELIZABETH HASSELBECK is binging, **FRANKIE MUNIZ** is living dangerously, and **KATY PERRY** is fascinated by the animal kingdom.

@ehasselbeck made gluten-free chocolate chip cookies tonight. best and worst thing! how am i to explain to my kids in a.m that mommy ate them all?

@frankiemuniz About to see Shutter Island. Hope I don't get arrested for smuggling in Tropical Skittles.

@katyperry Just saw two hummingbirds fighting... I think they were trying to mate...1 turned a different color & I'm not on ANYTHING. Nature's AWESOME!

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Going strong, carry on

AH YEAH. HAVE YOU SEEN THE GIRL? Leonardo DiCaprio is thwarting rumours he's split from Israeli model Bar Refaeli.

The pair were spotted canoodling on a yacht of the coast of Cabo, Mexico, where the pair is relaxing after his promotional tour for Shutter Island, according to Page Six.

Rumours of a split started circulating after Refaeli cozied up to Jersey Shore star Mike 'The Situation' Sorrentino during a recent steamy photo shoot.

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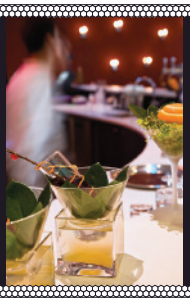

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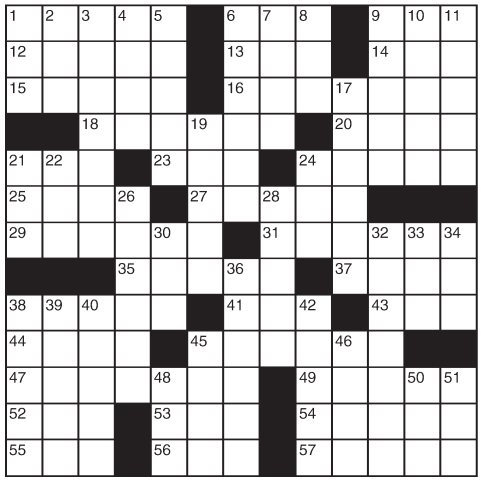

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46 Now, on a memo
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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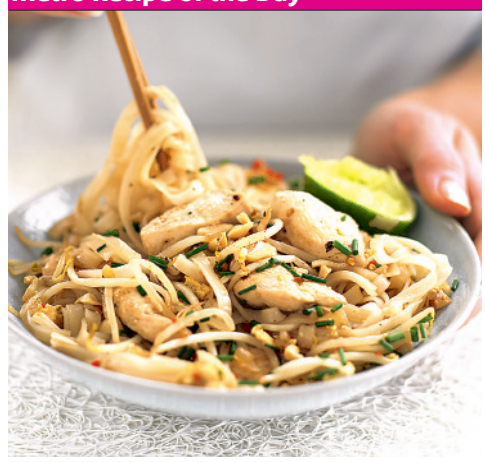
Metro Recipe of the Day



Pad Thai with Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

250 g dried rice noodles
2 tbsp canola oil
2-4 garlic cloves, crushed
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 Thai chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped
375 g skinless boneless chicken breasts, thinly sliced
2 eggs, beaten
200 g bean sprouts
1 tbsp soy sauce
2 tbsp fish sauce
1 tbsp lime juice
Lime halves to serve
1 bunch fresh chives, snipped
1/4 cup roasted peanut halves

METHOD:

1. Soak noodles in hot water according to pack instructions. Stir with fork or chopsticks to separate. Drain and set aside.
2. Meawhile, heat wok with oil. When very hot add garlic, onion and chili pepper; stir-fry 1 minute. Add chicken slices and stir-fry 2 minutes or until lightly coloured.
3. Push chicken to one side to make room for eggs. Pour eggs into wok and stir gently until lightly scrambled. Add drained noodles and 3 tbsp (45 mL) water. Add bean sprouts, soy sauce, fish sauce and lime juice, and stir-fry with other ingredients 2 minutes.
4. Remove from heat. Turn into warmed serving dish and garnish with chives and peanuts. Serve immediately, with lime halves.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Do you change something or do you let it be? Only you can answer that question and one way or another it will have to be answered.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you do something you don't have a talent for and you will quickly get frustrated. If you do just one thing really well today you will do more than most.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It's up to you to keep things calm. The approaching full moon will make everyone a bit twitchy over the next two or three days.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Some changes happen in stages but the changes you are about to experience will come all at once. Are you ready?

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
If you have been having cash flow problems recently then what happens over the next few days will give you the chance to make life easier.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The next two or three days are going to be hugely important as the approaching full moon in your sign gives you energy.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There is only one way to get rid of the pain you feel and that is to admit you are not as tough as you like to pretend.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Pay attention to what friends have to say over the next few days. Somewhere among all the big words they will use is the germ of a good idea.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You are about to achieve something truly spectacular. It may not be what you had hoped to achieve but life is full of surprises.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Even Capricorns have been known to change direction (very occasionally) and the approaching full moon is sure to give you a new perspective.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may have done something you now realize was wrong but don't be hard on yourself. You are who you are and you did what you did.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Everyone has problems — you are no different in that sense — and everyone must find ways to work through them.

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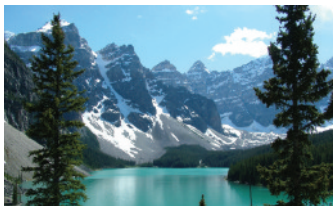

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